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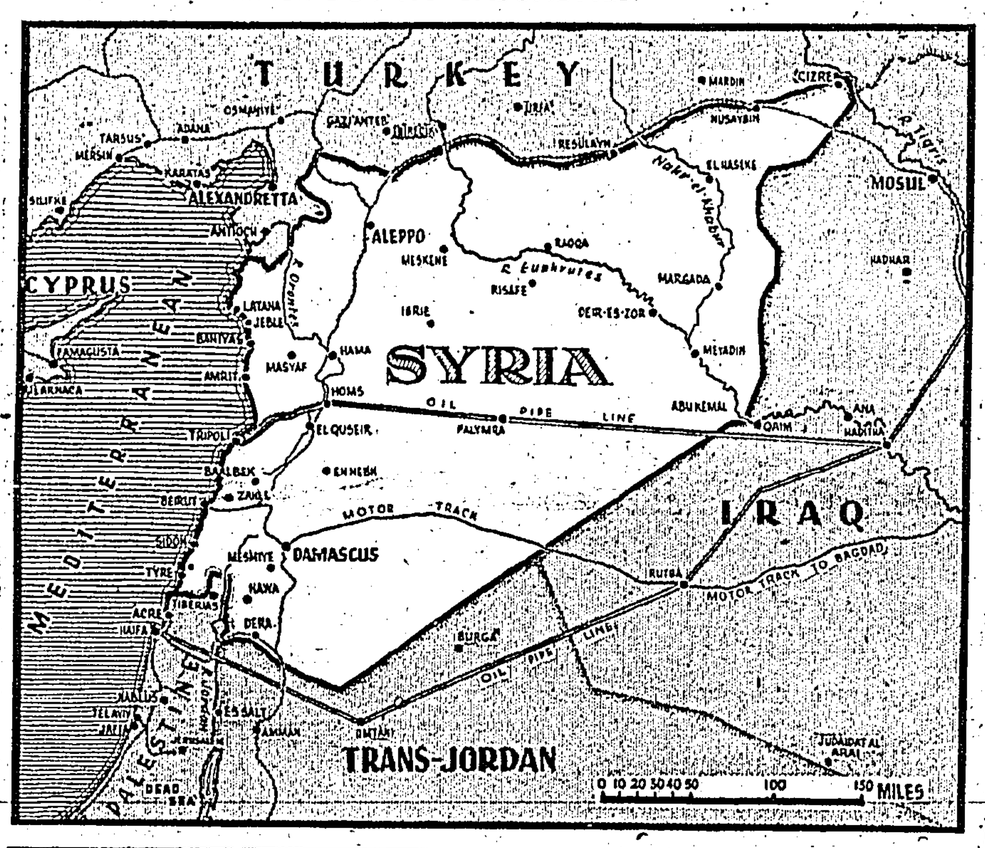
FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA AS ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCE

First Encounters 25 Miles Inside Border

VICHY, JUNE 8 (REUTER).—FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA ARE GOING ON IN THE MOUNTAINS OF DJEBEL DRUZ JUST SOUTH OF SUWEIDA, STATE THE FIRST DISPATCHES FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE VICHY TROOPS, GENERAL DENTZ. SUWEIDA IS ABOUT 20 MILES FROM SYRIA'S FRONTIER WITH TRANS-JORDAN AND SOME 55 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DAMASCUS.

GENERAL DENTZ'S HEADQUARTERS ARE AT BEIRUT AND THE FIRST COMMUNIQUE FROM THERE ANNOUNCES THAT THE R.A.F. BOMBED THE AERODROME OF MEZZE, NEAR DAMASCUS, ON SUNDAY MORNING, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES.



British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.45 a.m., the communique states, and "contact was made with our advance posts which engaged them in accordance with the tasks assigned to them."

ADVANCING ON DJEBEL DRUZ

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Syria are advancing in the direction of Djebel Druz, according to a Vichy dispatch to the official German news agency.

Twenty-five miles inside Syria, Djebel Druz is almost due south of Damascus, the scene of General Allenbury's triumph in the last war and east of the Sea of Galilee.

FRENCH BLOCK ROADS

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The likely line of advance is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut.

It is known that the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well-known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission, but it is known that they have some tanks and armoured cars.

Cairo Report

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied troops have made some progress in Syria although it is not known whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French. Authoritative circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

Southerly March

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction, according to a Vichy Government announcement quoted by the German radio.

Vichy Agency's Claim

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—"Strong motorised and armoured de-

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Leads Troops Into Syria

LIEUT-GEN. H. M. WILSON

Wilson In Charge Of Operations

Directing Allied Troops In Syria

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, General Officer Commanding in Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation in which Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French, it is learned in London to-day.

Co-operation Hoped For

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The hope of securing Arab and French co-operation in the task in Syria is expressed in a Middle East communique which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning Allied forces, under the command of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating the German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are seeking dominating positions through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab co-operation in this task."

Petain's Appeal

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a message to Frenchmen in Syria, calls on them to "fight in a just cause and for the integrity of territory entrusted to France by history."

Hold Conference

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan hurriedly conferred as soon as news of the advance into Syria reached Vichy, states Rome Radio.

British Act Just In Time

Darlan's Trickery Nullified

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The move by the British and Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, the French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and the administration of the Aleppo district.

The seriousness of such an action required no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of his conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the Disarmament Commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian Army, and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome.

Using 'Dromes in Transit

General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance. Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, exports and imports falling to a minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipe-line to Syria.

Economic Revival

The declarations contain a promise of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade and an opportunity to enter into relations with the sterling bloc.

There seems a good probability that Syria, disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy, will accept the proffered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country.

Lampson's Assurance

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lamp-

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Air Operations In Mid. East

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Benghazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by Axis forces, was turned into a blazing inferno by R.A.F. bombers on Friday night for the second night in succession.

Fires raging among the military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by the bombers until they could be seen 50 miles away.

Abyssinia

To-night's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which reports the raid, also refers to the attack on Derna aerodrome and Barn and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia.

R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations.

ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST & MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced to-day further blows by the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Saturday in the three-months old daylight campaign against enemy shipping from Norway to the Mediterranean.

It was already announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and that two ships were set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, it is also disclosed, bomb and machine-gun attacks were again made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in a convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships was bombed and set on fire. Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

Three Months' Record

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F.

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Fleet Leaves Gibraltar

Merchantmen Arrive

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The British aircraft carriers, Ark Royal and Furious, the battle cruiser Renown and the cruiser Sheffield, with flotillas of torpedo boats and submarines, left Gibraltar for the Mediterranean at dawn this morning, says a dispatch from Lalinea.

It is also reported from Lalinea that 10 merchant ships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar this morning.

Blitz Over Alexandria

All Night Raid With Incendiaries

ALEXANDRIA, June 8 (Reuter).—While British and Free French forces entered Syria, the Germans launched their second savage air attack on Alexandria, subjecting the city to yet another vicious all-night blitz.

Nazi squadrons swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes showered heavy explosive and incendiary bombs far and wide, causing death and destruction at several points in the city.

Considerable damage was done in European and Arab residential quarters alike, and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires Extinguished

Fires were started but they were promptly controlled.

The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst an inferno of screaming and exploding shells, the enemy seemed determined to press home the attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objectives.

The roaring of anti-aircraft gunfire died away towards dawn when Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

Malta Fights Off Raiders

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—From Malta comes an official account of the raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly, dropped bombs which, caused light civilian damage and no casualties. There was no service damage or casualty.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another was so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

This morning enemy aircraft approached the coast but the raid did not materialise.

LATEST

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LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

British Warships Take Part

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with tommy guns on the coast of Lebanon south of Beirut this morning was made to-night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut.

The agency asserts that the troops were "promptly taken prisoner."

Latest Position

The latest position of the fighting in Syria is given by the Vichy agency to-night. It says: "Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and Gaullist troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus. Our troops of all arms, whom this un-

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VICHY LEADERS' MOVEMENTS

ZURICH, June 8 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan is returning to Paris to resume conversations with Germany, according to the Genevese newspaper, "La Suisse."

M. Laval reached Unoccupied France on Sunday. Clermond-Ferrand, near Vichy, is reported to be his eventual destination.

General Weygand has left Vichy and the French Colonial Regents in Africa are returning to their posts.

ABYSSINIA

Prisoners And Booty Captured

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique states:

"Abyssinia.—After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward. At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands.

"In addition, we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material.

"The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued.

"Iraq.—The situation remains calm.

"Libya.—In Tobruk, artillery on both sides has been active."

London Tribute To Hongkong R.N.V.R.

The Hongkong R.N.V.R. has again been mentioned in broadcasts from London. In July, 1939, it was announced in a news bulletin from London that the H.K. Naval Volunteer Force had been granted Empire status in consequence of the Colony's offer to build ships and to place them, also officers and men of the H.K.N.V.R. at the disposal of the Admiralty for general service in emergency.

Last night, listeners to an interesting talk given by Mr H. C. Ferraby, the Naval correspondent, in the series "Questions of the Hour" were told about the many units that make up what is commonly known as "The Navy"—the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Indian Navy, the New Zealand Squadron, the South African Naval Service, the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of the British Commonwealth.

The speaker, in giving pride of place in the Colonies to the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, mentioned the valuable services being rendered to the Empire by these units.

Importance of British Advance Into Syria

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—The British entry into Syria will not only serve to protect the Suez Canal, but will also provide Britain with an ideal base to counter any German attack on Cyprus or Crete, and will provide a solid protective bloc between Hitler and the Near Eastern oil fields.

Politically, it will serve to repair the damage to British prestige in the Middle East, and is particularly likely to stiffen Turkey's anti-German pressure.

It is uncertain what sort of resistance the French army in Syria will put up. Reputably, there are between 40,000 and 50,000 men there of which 15,000 are French with 500 French planes, a large number of which are obsolescent; however, morale is reported to be low and there is considerable sub-surface sentiment for General De Gaulle.

According to some reports, French

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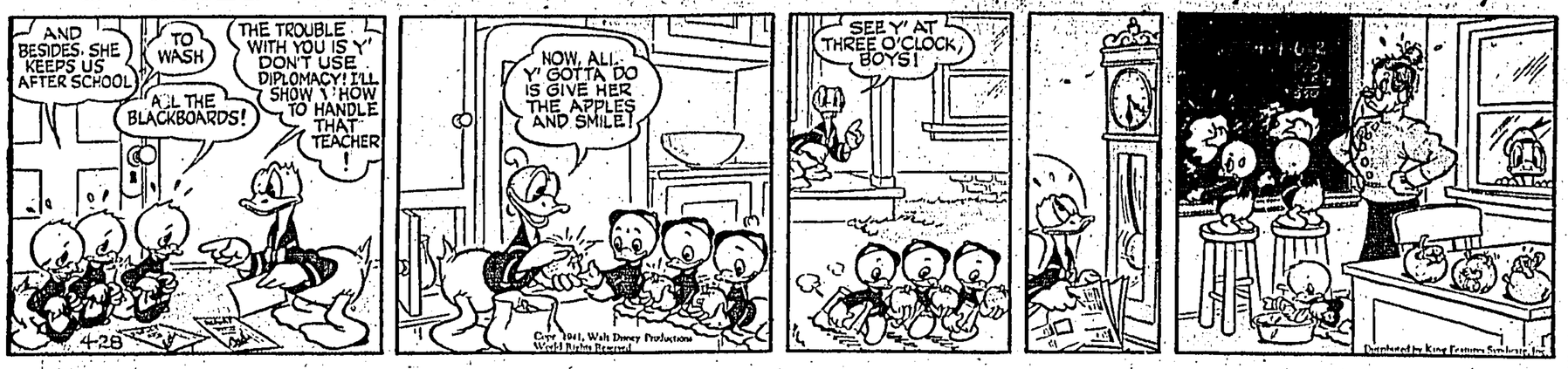
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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THE HONGKONG NATURALIST, Vol. X nos. 3 and 4. Price $4 (postage extra). Now on sale at South China Morning Post Ltd.

SLAIN — John F. Arena, publisher of La Tribuna, Italian language newspaper in Chicago, was slain in a hail of bullets as he left a theatre recently. A few hours previously he had given the Dies Committee information on Fascist activities in U.S., telling about the spy system.

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Hongkong, 7th June, 1941.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on **FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson & Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. H. K. COBB,
Manager for the Far East.
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy
British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy
The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
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British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

WEDDINGS

A pretty Portuguese wedding was solemnised at St Teresa's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Lena Elaine Lizola Rocha, daughter of Mr Carlos L. Rocha, of Messrs Davis, Brook and Gran, and Mrs Rocha, became the bride of Mr Henrique Alberto Botelho, son of the late Mr Alfredo A. Botelho and Mrs Laura dos Remedios Botelho Rocha.

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The wedding took place at the Rosary Church on Saturday, before the Rev. Fr H. de Angelis, of Mr Manuel Eduardo Varlz, teacher at La Salle College, to Miss Josephine Yu.

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The following weddings took place at the Registry on Saturday, before Mr J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar:

Mr Chen Hung-su, accountant of the Bank of Communications, Canton Office, to Miss Phyllis Kwok, secretary of the Chinese Women's Christian Temperance Union;

Mr Chan Cheng, merchant, and Miss Lo Yuk-chun.

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The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Mr Kirby Fairchild, of Manila, to Miss Nina Mullins, U.S.A.;

Mr Cheung Tong-hon, merchant, and Miss Annie Mak.

174 DEAD IN QUAKE—Mexican government authorities reported at least 174 known dead in the recent earthquake that crumbled hundreds of homes, brought on a tidal wave and caused an eruption of Colima volcano. Scene above is in Mexico City, as fire starts after a violent spell.

Byrd Sees Base In Antarctic Possible If Panama Is Lost

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Antarctic hero, believes that in event of destruction of the Panama Canal the United States might be forced to establish at least part-time naval and air bases in the Antarctic.

As commanding officer of the United States Antarctic Service, which has just terminated an expedition to South Polar areas, Admiral Byrd told a House Appropriations Sub-Committee in Washington that under such circumstances, Antarctica had positive strategic value to the United States, apparently to help maintain communications between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Questioned by Representative Jed Johnson of Oklahoma whether Little America, where the expedition had one of its bases, was of value to the United States from the defence standpoint, Rear Admiral Byrd replied:

"It is not impossible that it might be someday, because in flying to Australia you could go by way of Little America. I think the distance from Antarctica to Tasmania is about 1,650 miles, and I think you could fly that way at certain times of the year."

The Admiral said the expedition's "east base" was located in the southern part of Palmerland, the northernmost point of which is about 500 nautical miles from South America.

To Base Ships

"In the event of the destruction of the Panama Canal," he said, "we might be forced to use the northernmost portion of Palmerland to base ships and cache vital supplies. Sometimes you could go in there all the year, and there are about five or six months of the year that you could certainly get in there."

Admiral Byrd lashed back at some of his critics.

"The criticisms made were unfair and unwarranted," Admiral Byrd told the committee. "It was an injustice to blame me for an expedition which was desired by the Government and authorised by Congress. It was for the benefit of the Government that we went down there. I served a great many months without compensation and at a financial sacrifice and at by far the most difficult job I ever had or ever hope to have.

"I think the Government is warranted sending the expedition down there, and I think that in the years to come this country will be glad that such foresight was shown," he said.

£4,000-A-Year Playboy Now Lance-Corporal

William Womersley Gaunt, once one of the wealthiest of playboys and now a lance-corporal in the R.A.M.C., has had his application for discharge from bankruptcy refused.

The fact that he fought at Dunkirk did not weigh with the Official Receiver.

Gaunt's public career began when, as a boy of 17, he eloped from the home of his millionaire wool merchant father.

Father, however, was too smart for him, and had an agent waiting for him in London. He was packed off home back to school.

When his father later bought a £120,000 spinning mill in France, young Gaunt was sent to look after it.

An Irish girl in Paris who accepted his offer of marriage was hurried back to Ireland by another of his father's agents. Young Bill found solace in Vienna, where he gave nightly parties to an eager pack of friends.

In telling of those parties, Gaunt has said: "The cost of them must have been colossal. I never concerned myself with financial details. . . ."

In 1926, he went to America in connection with his father's wool business, and nearly became the victim of a blackmail plot.

Tried Gambling

In two and a half years, Bill Gaunt drew £8,000. Then he learned that all was not well at home and came back. He found he was no longer wealthy, and had not as many friends as he had believed.

Practically penniless and jobless, he tried to recoup his losses by gambling, and failed.

He was declared bankrupt in 1930, and joined the R.A.M.C. as a private in 1933.

Presents in 1920 to Miss Adele Astaire, now Lady Charles Cavendish, were mentioned in his application for discharge from bankruptcy.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday is:

Buyers
H.K. & K. Wharves $80.50
Docks $14.60
Providents $5.10
Lands $31.50
Lights "O" $5.00
Lights "N" $1.25
Cements $13
Ropes $6.90
Watsons $9.60
Entertainments $6.25
Sellers
Electrics Rts $11.15
Sales
H.K. Govt: 3½% Loan (1934) 94.50
Realties $3
Trams $16.20
Electrics "O" X. Rts $22
Electrics Rts $11
Telephones "O" $22
Telephones "N" $6.75

BROADCASTS OF MONTH

Report on Programmes From ZBW

The monthly broadcasting report for May, shows that in Hongkong the actual hours of transmission totalled 450½, of which 208¼ were devoted to European programmes, 217 to Chinese programmes and 25¾ to Indian programmes, as follows:

ZBW (European).—Morning transmission 67½ hours, evening transmission 140¾ hours.

During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast: Feature programmes 2, recitals one, studio talks (including book reviews) 16, local relays (including church services) 5, Sunday evening epilogues 4, Daventry relays (including news) 122, programmes in French (news, etc.) 31, programmes in Portuguese 4.

ZEK (Chinese).—Morning transmission 62 hours, evening transmission 155 hours.

During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast: Studio concerts 22, studio talks 28, children's concerts 9, Daventry relays 6.

ZBW (Indian).—Evening transmission only (including talks, records and recitals) 25¼ hours.

New licences issued during May totalled 351; renewals of licences totalled 661; and up to the end of May the licences issued totalled number 8,954.

HOME NURSING LECTURES

A course of lectures on Home Nursing, in English, will be given by Dr P. Ruttonjee, commencing on or about Tuesday, June 17, for women who wish to join the St John Ambulance Brigade either as regular members or as members of the A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve.

More women with a speaking knowledge of Cantonese are required by the Brigade, and all interested are requested to communicate with the Secretary, St John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road.

Firing Practices

Heavy anti-aircraft firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to-morrow in the southern area of the Island. Firing area "D" will be affected. Alternative dates are June 11 and 13.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight, to-day, to-morrow, and June 11 and 13. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is due in Hongkong shortly.

RADIO

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 "Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch & Co.

12.52 Orchestral Interlude.

"The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley, New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Film Selections.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Billy Cotton & His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Mozart—Concerto in G Major. 1st Mov: Allegro, 2nd Mov: Andante, 3rd Mov: Allegretto & Finale (Presto), Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Songs by Theodore Chaliapine.

The Horn (Flegler), The Old Corporal (Dargomijsky).

7.40 Tchaikowsky—Romeo & Juliet—Overture Fantasie.

Willem Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Programme & Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.03 The Andrews Sisters.

8.15 London Relay — "Quiet, Please!"—1.

Almost a riot, with Forsythe, Seamon, and Farrell, Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, Helen Hill, and Hermione Baddeley, BBC Chorus and Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell, produced by Tom Ronald.

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.

Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht), Orchestra Moscotte; When a Woman Smiles; Goodbye. Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine"), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Pierre Fresnay & Orch.; Ballroom Memories — Waltz Potpourri (arr. Robrecht), Orchestra Mascotte; Au Clair de la Lune (Lulli), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin; Over Land and Sea—Waltz Potpourri (arr. Gotz Hohne), Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Piano duets by Morcton & Kaye.

10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—6.

10.30 Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestras.

11.0 Close Down.

Bomber Fund Munificence

A munificent donation of $20,000 to the Bomber Fund was received on Saturday from Mr F. C. Hall, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. This represents Mr Hall's second donation within the first twelve months of the Fund, the same gentleman having given $15,000 when the Bomber Fund was started. A second cheque for $5,000 was also received from the Fellowship of the Bellows.

The total on Saturday reached $2,163,122.25 with the following donations:

Mr. and Mrs H. S. (monthly donation)	$ 10
Mr R. W. Smith (second donation)	25
Messrs Mackintosh's, Ltd.,	500
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The Talkoo Club	40
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V. E. Ferrier/R. S. Meadows (Cretan Evacuation Bet)	10
"Thanks"	10
Mr F. C. Hall (second donation)	20,000
Supreme Court Bomb (fifth donation)	76.70
J. B. P.	5
China Bros. Hat Mfg. Co.	500
The Fellowship of the Bellows (second donation)	5,000
Irene (fifth donation)	150
"Couldn't Resist a Burleigh"	50

The following donations were received on Saturday in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Hongkong Cricket Club	$ 10
Miss Barbara Cartwright	2
Mr & Mrs H. Overy	5
J. L. R.	10
David and Shirley Fantham	5
Miss E. R. Bliss	2

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The *S. C. M. Post* has received the following donation to the Salvation Army in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Mr and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, $5.

Dr J. E. Dovey under the auspices of the St John Ambulance Association, will start a course on First Aid to the Injured to be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., to-morrow (Tuesday) at 5.30 p.m.

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The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H.K. $2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H.K.$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A.".

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INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, June 10.....June 17.
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Monday, June 9
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. .....June 9, 4 p.m.
Ord. .....June 9, 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....June 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....June 17, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....July 1, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....July 1, 7 p.m.

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Sunday

June 1

More Defence Regulations. Additional Defence Regulations relating to looting and kindred offences and the forcing of safeguards—any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting any premises or place—are announced in the *Government Gazette*.

They are as follows:

70A.—(1) Any person who endeavours to force a safeguard shall be liable to suffer death, or imprisonment for life, or on summary conviction, imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

(3) In this regulation the expression "safeguard" means any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting, or of preventing on controlling access to, any premises or place, or for the purpose of regulating traffic on any road, railway or inland navigation, and includes any sentry being a member of the said forces posted for any of the purposes aforesaid.

(4) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Looting Offences

34A.—(1) If in an area which has been subjected to attack by the enemy, whether by means of aircraft or otherwise, or in any area to which this regulation has been applied by order of the Governor, any person—

(a) steals any article from premises which have been damaged by war operations or vacated by reason of attack by the enemy or in consequence of any authorized directions given for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy or of protecting persons and property from the dangers involved in any such attack; or

(b) steals any article which has been left exposed or unprotected as a consequence of war operations or

(c) enters any premises, damages any property, assaults any person, or is found with any offensive weapon or house-breaking instrument, with intent to commit any offence punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for more than three years, he shall be liable to suffer death or imprisonment for life or on summary conviction imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

Areas Affected

(3) The Governor may by order direct that this regulation shall apply to any area in which, in his opinion, there is, or is likely to be special difficulty in preserving public order by reason of any measure taken for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy.

(4) In this regulation the expression "authorized directions" means any order or direction made or given in the exercise of powers conferred by these regulations or made or given by any officer of His Majesty's forces.

(5) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Death Of Mr R. B. Brown. Though he had been unwell for some time the death of Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's butchery and shipping department, at Matilda Hospital this evening was comparatively sudden. He had been in hospital for only a day.

Mr Brown was aged 43 years. A native of Glasgow, he came to the Colony 10 years ago to join the Dairy Farm staff and his steady association with that firm, generally at the Kowloon branch, assisted in making him well-known and popular.

During a keen period of service with the Hongkong Volunteers Mr Brown was associated with the Scottish Company, the Anzac Company and finally the Pay Corps. Ill-health compelled him to resign from the last-named unit about 18 months ago. He took a lively interest in Volunteer sports. He was also a member of the Kowloon Football Club.

Hongkong Mails Lost. The Postmaster General announced that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America posted in Hongkong between February 22 and March 7, 1941, and letters superscribed "By air to U.S.A. and thence by Sea," posted between March 20 and 25, 1941 have been lost by enemy action.

Monday

June 2

Presentation. The former Immigration Officer, Mr R. A. D. Forrest, was the recipient of farewell gifts from his colleagues and friends in the Immigration Department at a tea-party held in the Department's office, Marina House. There was a large gathering of the staff present.

Mr J. H. B. Lee, Acting Immigration Officer, presided, and, in presenting Mr Forrest with a smoking set, subscribed for by his friends, expressed his regret that Mr Forrest was leaving.

Mr Chan Kwok-wing, Chief Clerk of the Department, presented Mr Forrest with an album of photographs of the staff. Mr Forrest, he said, carried away with him the best sentiments of the staff. They wished him a speedy recovery of health.

Mr Forrest, in thanking Mr Lee and Mr Chan, expressed his regret at having to leave so many friends behind—friends like Mr Chan, whom he had known for over 30 years. To have worked for 22 years in the Government service established contacts which were not easily broken. He would be making his home in Sydney, Australia, and he cordially invited any member of the staff who should be touring that country to visit him.

Mr Forrest was accorded three cheers, and shook hands with every member of the staff in farewell.

May Weather. The weather for May was generally cloudy and humid with relatively little wind, except for a two-day spell in the middle of the month, states the Royal Observatory. Although rain fell on fifteen days, which is normal for May, the total for the month was well below the average. Temperatures were normal with no large variations during the period.

A maximum temperature of 88.8°F. was recorded on the 13th and the 26th; a minimum of 68.0 on the 1st and the mean for the month was 77.3 against a normal mean of 77.1. The mean relative humidity was 87, which is 3 per cent. above the normal for May. Duration of bright sunshine was 145 hours, or 12 hours below normal. A total of 5.84 inches of rain fell during the month; 60 per cent. of this fell on the three days 14th, 21st and 25th; normal rainfall for May is 11.25 inches. A maximum wind velocity of 38 miles per hour was recorded at 7.58 a.m. on the 14th.

Funeral Of Late Mr Brown. There was a large attendance at the funeral to-day of the late Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's Butchery and Shipping Department, who died on Sunday.

Interment was at the Colonial Cemetery, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiating. The chief mourner was the widow, and amongst those present were Messrs E. Hanlon, J. O'Sullivan, C. F. Andrews, A. D. Wyllie, E. W. Coulson, E. S. Cutcher, C. J. Grover and G. Milne (pall-bearers), the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr and Mrs A. M. Holland, Mrs F. C. Allison, Mrs R. Pestonji, Messrs J. D. Thomson, W. Mair, J. Wolfe, W. Macfarlane, P. Chessex, A. B. Coleman, S. Leonard, W. Miles, Cecil Chan, Y. Birlukoff, A. Silva and C. Neves.

Floral tributes were sent by "Loving Wife Violet." "Stepmother Margaret Brown." "Johnny and Bessie." "George and Margaret." "Cissie and Ena." "Trio and Nancy." "David and Peggy." "Ella and Sam."

Mr and Mrs G. Milne, Mr and Mrs J. D. Thomson, Mr and Mrs E. W. Coulson, Mr and Mrs J. Wolfe, Mr and Mrs Cecil T. Chan, Mr and Mrs Au Lum, 3rd, J. F. Gardner, Mr and Mrs W. Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs A. D. Wyllie, Mr and Mrs A. B. Coleman, O. Eager, Mrs F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Snr. and Mr F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Jnr. H. Nish, Mr and Mrs Mair and family, Mr and Mrs Grover, Mr and Mrs B. W. Bradbury D. L. Newbigging, Mr and Mrs M. H. Large, Mak Chan-sum, Lai Min-sun, Ng Chu, Au Cheung-yu, F. Alarakia, Mr and Mrs A. E. H. Castro, Mrs F. C. Allison, P. Chessex, Mr and Mrs W. H. Whitely, Wu Man-wai, Choy Man-kwong, Lam King-nam, Au Shiu-wing, C. T. Cheng, Mr and Mrs G. M. C. Sequeira, G. Ho, Ho Fung, G. T. White;

Directors of Dairy Farm; Butchery Dept. Lower Albert Road; Chinese Staff, Gloucester Hotel; Gloucester Hotel; Staff, Boiler Room, Gloucester Hotel; Man Cheong; Staff, Kowloon Soda Fountain, Clover Flower Shop; Hunghom Branch, Dairy Farm; Kowloon Butchery Dept., and others.

Tuesday

June 3

Sanitation in Hongkong. New charges for the removal of nightsoil were discussed by the Urban Council to-day when it was decided to recommend that the rates be $10 a year for domestic flats and $1.10 a month per pan for non-domestic flats, payment to be made annually, half way through the period to which it applied.

Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman, presided, assisted by the Vice-Chairman, Dr N. C. MacLeod, Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr F. C. Hall, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr A. el Arculli, Dr S. N. Chau, Mr B. Wong Tape, Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Dr A. M. Rodrigues, Mr M. W. Lo, Mr C. J. Roe (Secretary), Mr Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

Mr Lo suggested that the rates be $12 and that the landlord should collect from his tenants each month.

Mr Hall, Mr Bellamy and Mr Arculli were in favour of $8 or $10 and Mr North suggested that charge should not be more than the old one. He was in favour of an $8 to $10 basis.

Mr Carrie said he could not give a guarantee that $8 would completely cover the clearing charges, but he felt it would just about do so.

Dr MacLeod moved that the Council, if satisfied there were buildings in the urban areas without sufficient and proper latrine accommodation, thereby endangering the health of the community, the owners of such buildings being liable to legal proceedings if they failed to comply with the requirements of the Council within six months of receipt of a written notice, should enforce Section 39 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance. He said:

Houses Without Latrines

Recent surveys have revealed we have about 65,000 dry latrines of which 50,000 consist of nothing more than a wooden bucket in the kitchen. There are in addition many floors used for domestic purposes which lack even this primitive and dangerous form of sanitary arrangements, the theory being, wrongly I consider, that the occupants' requirements are met by public latrines which may be several hundred yards away.

The immediate results of the lack of latrines can be seen in sewage discharging from kitchen waste water pipes, in choked and foul smelling drains and in parcels of nightsoil wrapped in newspapers being dropped from windows into the streets.

Motion Opposed

Opposing the motion Mr Wong Tape said:

On principle I do not think any member of this Council can oppose a measure providing for proper latrine accommodation; such a measure must be our goal.

However, I venture to express the opinion, that from a practical standpoint, wholesale or large scale embarkation on structural alterations to buildings at this juncture, involving the use of large quantities of cement and labour, which would be more effectively put to uses in connection with defence, is undesirable.

Moreover, the cost of materals is unusually high, and it is doubtful whether it is good policy to compel owners of property to effect improvements when there is a scarcity of materials.

Mr Lo said that while not disapproving of the suggestion he did not think the time was opportune to spend money for latrine accommodation, as he understood that about 18,000 old houses required to be altered.

It was decided that Dr MacLeod's motion be referred to a Select Committee.

League Tennis. At Sookunpoo to-day Kowloon beat Army 5½-3½ in the division of the tennis league.

Col Newnham and Capt Guest lost to A.E.P. Guest and F. Grose, 3-6; beat R. T. Brondbridge and F. Zimmern 6-4; drew with F. KengelBacker and N.A.E. Mackay, 6-6.

Lt Pearce and S/Sgt Duffield lost to Guest and Gross 4-6; beat Zimmern and Broadbridge 6-4; beat Kengelbacker and Mackay 6-4.

CIVIL SERVICE V. S. CHINA

At Happy Valley, South China beat Civil Service 9-0.

J. A. Bendall and Mr Yutskin lost to S. Y. Lee and H. C. Wong 0-6; lost to W. H. Ho and P. Szeto 2-6; lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh 1-6.

B. Agnafuroff and W. J. Skinner lost to Lee and Wong 5-7; lost to Ho and Szeto 5-7; lost to Lee and Hoh 2-6.

C. Sloan and J. Hempsey lost to Lee and Wong 1-6; lost to Ho and Szeto 2-6; lost to Lee and Hoh 0-6.

CHINESE V. K. TONG

At home, Kowloon Tong lost to Chinese 7½-1½.

F. H. Kwok and P. E. Ling lost to B. C. Luk and T. C. Chan 3-0; lost to K. L. Ho and O. L. Pang 4-0; beat S. W. Liang and P. S. Choy 6-1.

H. T. Bee and Kho lost to Luk and Chan 2-0; lost to Ho and Pang 4-0; lost to Liang and Choy 0-6.

E. Lee and C. T. Ma drew with Luk and Chan 6-6; lost to Ho and Pang 3-0; lost to Liang and Choy 2-0.

Fanling Golf. "The Royal Scots Trophy" of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the B.W.O.F., played at Fanling in April and May, resulted as follows:

J. H. C. Highet (16) and H. Overy (18), were two up and tie and will play off.

G. M. Park (5), T. Megarry (8) and E. L. Evelle (19) were 1 up. Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (15), T. A. Pearce (3) Lt-Col. E. D. Matthews (16), J. Harrop (14) and A. H. Penn (15) were all square. There were 260 entries at $1 a card.

Junior Championship

In the Junior Section Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Happy Valley, W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell, W. Y. Ahern beat R. M. Keown, J. Young beat D. W. Beeken, and H. Smith beat T. B. Low, in the first round.

In the second round, T. C. Barclay beat F. C. Barry, Buller beat Ahern, Smith beat Young and G. E. Willerton beat J. Wald.

Fanling Bogey Pool

Playing in the Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling on May 31 and June 2, A. W. Bourne, Jr., (9) was 1 up. There were 18 entries.

Review Of The Principal Topics June 1 To June 7

Wednesday

June 4

Govt House Collapse. Two pillars of the verandah immediately below the bedroom of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, at Government House, suddenly gave way one after the other shortly after 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday. Fortunately, there were no casualties, though the damage was considerable.

The pillars were in the centre of the ground floor verandah on the north side of the building, facing the harbour, and stood on each side of the main steps leading to the lawn. The lintel slab and some masonry from the upper verandah fell on to the steps below. One or two more pillars seemed to have become dangerous.

It was learned from the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, to-day that in all probability at least a portion of both the ground floor and upper floor verandah would have to be removed—perhaps the whole of it.

As a result of the collapse, the building is considered unsafe, and His Excellency the Governor has been advised to find alternative sleeping accommodation. As a matter of fact, His Excellency spent Tuesday night at Flagstaff House where, it is understood, he is temporarily residing. This, however, does not mean that the whole of Government House will be vacated, for the staff will remain and probably sleep in the ball-room, which is not affected.

In the meantime, the portion of the verandah which is undamaged is being shored up, and every effort is being made to see if the building can be rendered safe.

It will be recalled that Government House developed numerous cracks as a result of the A.R.P. tunnelling operations, and so serious has been the damage that at one time His Excellency contemplated moving to Admiralty House. Since then, however, the repairs effected were considered to have made the building sufficiently safe for His Excellency to remain, until the sudden collapse on Tuesday.

Naval House Suffers

Tunnelling operations in the hillside of Mount Parish, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, have affected the Naval Surgeons' quarters situated just above the tunnels. It is learned that cracks have been caused, but examination shows that the damage is not serious.

Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, stated yesterday that such damage was only to be expected, and had actually occurred in many cases to buildings where tunnelling operations were being carried out.

League Tennis. Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½ in the C. Division of the tennis league to-day.

Emberton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6; beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok, 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

CRAIGENGOWER V. INDIANS

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wai-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail 6-0.

Geo Lai and Y. L. Pao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

VARSITY V. K.I.T.C.

At Pokfulam, Kowloon Indians beat University, 5½-3½.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu, 6-1, beat S. L. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0; beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sepher beat Cheah and Liu 6-3, beat Yong and Hui 6-2, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

M. Ramzan and J. Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6, lost to Yong and Hui 3-6, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

Cricketer On Leave. Harry Owen-Hughes, the well-known cricketer, has left for Australia on furlough. He is expected to be away for six months.

Also going to Australia is W. L. Rapley, K.C.C. cricketer.

Thursday

June 5

Colony's Economic War Effort. An Official statement on the Colony's proposed economic war effort has been issued, dealing with the intention to reduce consumption of imported goods while increasing local production.

The Economic War Effort Advisory Committee which is to report to Government on various questions of economic and financial policy in relation to wartime needs has been constituted as follows:

Chairman, Mr D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Committee, Professor R. Robertson, M.A., Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Walker, M.C., Messrs D. Kelvin-Stark, M. F. Key, O.B.E., P. C. M. Sedgwick, K. S. Morrison, D. C. Edmonston, A. H. Penn, Ng Chuk-wa, S. M. Churn, R. E. Heasman (acting for Mr C. Rogers), and W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The Committee's term of reference are to consider and advise as to how the Colony's contribution to the economic war effort can best be made, with particular reference to:

(a) The reduction of the consumption of imported goods without permanent injury to the entrepot trade or to post-war British trading interests, and the conservation of shipping space, e.g. by rationing;

(b) The increase of local production—(i) of goods for local consumption, and (ii) of goods required by His Majesty's Government for war purposes;

(c) The collection and diversion into the most useful channels of any savings thus effected.

Far removed as the Colony is from the theatres of war, the need for economic sacrifices of supplies may not be obvious, although the fundamental reasons which have dictated limits of personal consumption in the United Kingdom are nevertheless operative in Hongkong.

Entrepot Trade Problem

The existence of Hongkong's entrepot trade presents a difficult problem, but measures are being discussed to reduce importation and consumption of non-essential goods, particularly by those classes of the community which enjoy a relatively high standard of li

There can be no doubt that every time an individual refrains from making a purchase of imported goods, or locally produced goods whose production depends to any material extent on imported materials, the war effort is directly benefited. In particular, shipping and productive capacity is saved, and, in many cases, foreign exchange. Even where it may seem that there is plenty of shipping space for inward freight to Hongkong it must be remembered that saving of time in loading at docks is important, and that many manufactured articles imported are made from raw materials which have to be transported by sea.

The various problems confronting the Advisory Committee will be found difficult of solution, and the wholehearted co-operation of the general public is cordially invited. Any suggestions relating to a vigorous and successful prosecution of the war effort should be addressed to W. T. Lewis, Secretary, Economic War Effort Advisory Committee, the University, Hongkong.

Mr Herridge Passes. A familiar figure in Hongkong for many years, Mr Frank Gordon Herridge died at the War Memorial Nursing Home to-day after a short illness. He was 50 years of age.

Born in Bradford, Mr Herridge was a textile expert who came to Hongkong just before the last war to join W. R. Loxley and Co. (China) Ltd, of which company he had been secretary for several years.

Mr Herridge was among the oldest members of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Joining in 1914 he was a member of the cricket and tennis teams and in 1922-3 was captain of the second eleven. He served on the committee for several years and for four years was honorary treasurer.

Mr Herridge leaves a widow and a son and daughter in England. His son was on the London staff of the Mercantile Bank but joined the Army shortly after the war began.

Cost Of Evacuation. The cost of the Evacuation of women and children from Hongkong to Australia will be borne by the Imperial Government, a reporter was informed this afternoon by the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, who was interviewed on the question.

The Colonial Secretary said that the Hongkong Government had during 1940 made cash gifts amounting to £400,000 to the Imperial Government, and it was reliably understood that the money was to be used for anything the Imperial Government chose to do with it. In this instance it was quite probable that the Imperial Government would devote a certain part of this gift towards cost of the evacuation.

The gifts to the Home Government were made up of two seperate cash gifts of £100,000 and a profit of £200,000 on the Exchange Fund. The Imperial Government have made it plain that they will bear the cost of the evacuation covering ships, passages and any sustenance of those evacuees who were unable to provide for themselves.

Any refunds by husbands in Hongkong will be credited to the Imperial Government, who make the net allowance.

Hon. Mr N. L. Smith said that there were no further developments regarding the evacuation.

Friday

June 6

Interest Tax Explained. An explanation as to how the proposed Interest Tax, something new in Hongkong, will work was given by Mr A. G. Clarke, Commissioner of the War Taxation Department, at a Press Conference to-day.

The Interest Tax bill has not yet been before the Legislative Council and this information, obtained from the War Taxation Department, is given solely in an attempt to help the public.

Following are the particulars of the tax:

1.—It is payable by any person (including a partnership, body of persons or corporation) who borrows money (a) on a mortgage, bill of sale, or debenture and (b) for the purpose of his trade, profession or business and who pays interest on the loan.

2.—The tax at the rate say, of 14 per cent. on the interest paid, and is payable to the Commissioner of War Taxation at the same time as the interest is paid.

How To Pay Tax

For example, if you, as a borrower, have to pay a sum of $100 as interest, you must not pay the full amount to your creditor; you should pay him only $86, and you must pay the balance of $14 at once to the Commissioner of War Taxation. If you forget about Interest Tax, and pay the full amount of $100, you will still have to pay the tax of $14 to the Commissioner, but in this case you may recover this sum from your creditor.

3.—Your creditor has no claim against you for not receiving his full interest, but if he asks you must give him an account of the deduction you have made in the form of a certificate which you can obtain from the War Taxation Department on application.

4.—Interest paid to a limited liability company or to any approved bank is not subject to Interest Tax, and therefore any person who borrows only from a limited liability company or an approved bank is not affected by this tax. A list of approved banks will be published and will be obtainable from the War Taxation Department.

Private Loans

5.—Anyone in doubt about this tax should apply for advice to the War Taxation Department.

Mr Clarke explained that the idea was that "we don't want to bother about loans between private people,"—for instance lending without security and as a personal favour. But, if, for instance, a person wanted to buy a lorry and had not the money for it and so borrowed $1,000, that money would not be given without a security. A bill of sale would be given and this would be registered in the Supreme Court. The interest on that bill would be taxed and the borrower must pay that tax to the Department from the interest.

No Undue Inquiry

It was further said that the whole idea was that there would be no need to inquire into loans. It was really to suit the Chinese method of business. The Taxation Department would not need to bother about who was lending the money at all. The whole system was worked out so as to avoid going into our peoples' business.

Referring to the tax not affecting interest paid to a limited liability company or to an approved bank, it was pointed out that the company would be subject to Profits Tax.

With regard to how this proposed tax would affect money lenders, it was pointed out that money lenders would come in under the system of Profits Tax.

Mr Clarke stated that any person wanting further information concerning this Interest Tax could obtain it from the War Department and a staff is being organised to deal with such inquiries.

Miss Lindsell Weds. A wedding of wide interest in Hongkong, Manila, and Baguio took place in the Presbyterian Church of Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Federated Malay States, on May 20, when Miss Helen Lindsell became the bride of Mr Douglas Strachan.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr R. E. Lindsell, former Puisne Judge of Hongkong, and Mrs Lindsell, and went to the Philippines last July when British women and children were being evacuated from the Colony. She went up to Baguio, where she met Mr Strachan, who is mine superintendent for the Big Wedge Mining Company. Miss Lindsell left the Philippines last December to visit her mother in Durban, South Africa. Returning to be married, she stopped to visit friends in Kuala Lumpur, where she was met by Mr Strachan.

The newlyweds arrived in Manila last week on the California Clipper from Singapore and went up to Baguio where they will make their home at Big Wedge. Mr Strachan, who is from Oakland, California, went to the Islands five years ago and is well known in mining circles there.

Cost Of Living. There was a slight increase in the cost of living for May, the figure being $2.39 as against $2.32 in April and $2.35 in March.

These figures, which were obtained from the Labour officer, Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, are based on the prices of rice, firewood and ground-nut oil.

The increase in the cost of living last month is attributed to the rise in the price of rice, which jumped from $2.72 for 20 catties in April to $2.80 in May. The figure for March was $2.03.

The price of firewood showed a slight drop, the figure being 44 cents for 20 catties compared with 50 cents in April and 80 cents in March, while that of oil remained at 33 cents per catty during the three months.

Anti-T. B. Association. Approval of the action taken by the Director of Medical Services in bringing the first prosecution in the anti-spitting campaign was given at a meeting of the Council of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association to-day.

Suggestions for bringing the campaign to the notice of the public were made, and one by Dr F. I. Tseung that the co-operation of the broadcasting authorities be sought, was adopted.

It was reported by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee that the Association had approximately $24,000 in hand for the proposed sanatorium. The need for further funds was stressed, and the hope that a generous philanthropist would come forward was expressed.

Saturday

June 7

"Tom" Hayward Passes. The death occurred in Rangoon on Friday of A. W. "Tom" Hayward, of Messrs Dodwell and Company, and former Hongkong and Shanghai Interport cricketer. The late Mr Hayward suffered a severe attack of Dysentery three weeks ago, and although he showed signs of recovery at one time, news was received by Messrs Dodwell and Co. that a turn for the worse had occurred, and his condition was considered critical during the days preceding his death. Mr A. C. I. Bowker was sent to Rangoon to relieve him.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Obviously deep down in the Forrest something stirred.

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No longer have we to meet the high cost of living; it overtakes you.

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Hold on to that old suit. Who knows, one day, you may, through its disposal, finance your next holiday.

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And talking about death penalties, Hongkong would be a happier place if a few of our racketeers could be shot right now.

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The Puisne Judge condemns the system of trading by signing chits for purchases. There is, of course, a law against getting booze that way; but, when you trade with a department store on a monthly basis, what is a chit?

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A correspondent sneers at the "save shipping space" plea, because 49 "non-essential" race ponies have arrived. He doesn't seem to realise how essential a bit of horse can be. How could you make a Hereford earn his keep here?

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In order to conserve womanpower for nursing, the Australian Government will not allow Australian women to leave the country. Down there, of course, their standard of living is so high that it requires two nurses for every man.

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Two pillars of Government House have collapsed. There is no truth in the report that two Australian guests have been visiting.

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A correspondent thinks that a child born in tax payment year should be allowed for that year. But why not allow for it the year before?

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Water-works coolie fined $5 for spitting—and a correspondent thinks it's too severe. Well, it's only about the cost of two pocket handkerchiefs.

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It seems that houses mustn't be provided with decent sanitary conveniences because all the cement and labour might be needed for defence. Just as all the bull might be needed for excuses.

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Servicemen are visiting the Police Court to get some education about the procedure. But wouldn't it be more helpful to make them unofficial Justices of the Peace? Then they could go visiting everywhere.

Forty-six years of age, Mr Hayward spent many years in the Far East. After serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, in the last war, he came out to Shanghai, where he was prominent in cricket and was also associated with the Machine Gun Company, Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps. He came to Hongkong in 1920, and joined Messrs Alex Ross & Co.; later joining the staff of Messrs Dodwell & Co., as manager of their Motor Department. The opening of the Burma Road saw Mr Hayward transferred to Rangoon in 1938 where he also managed the Motor Department of Dodwell's.

A splendid cricketer, Tom Hayward played regularly for the Shanghai Cricket Club and later for the Hongkong Cricket Club. He made his Interport cricket debut in 1922 when he played for Shanghai at Hongkong. He ocmmenced his Hongkong Interport career in 1926 against Shanghai, and played in the years 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1935 and once against Malaya in 1927.

The late Mr Hayward was a member of the Hongkong Club, the Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong Football Club and Hongkong Jockey Club. He leaves a widow and two sons, all of whom are at present in England.

Lawn Bowls. A full programme of Lawn Bowls League games played today provided several surprises and also resulted in records being broken. Kowloon Bowling Green Club are now leaders of the Third Division by virtue of a win over Hongkong Electric.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered their first win by accounting for Recreio "B", and in another game, Recreio spoiled the 100 per cent. winning record of Kowloon Football Club, Hongkong Cricket Club recorded their first victory when they beat Taikoo in a Third Division game, and Recreio completed a well-deserved "double" against Kowloon F.C.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by Kowloon Bowling Green's Third Division rink comprising J. S. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis and each will receive a bottle of John Haig whiskey from Messrs Gande Price & Co., Ltd. This rink also set a new aggregate record of 40 shots.

A seven was registered by A. J. Coelho's rink and sixes were recorded by C. Strange, A. Brooksbank, J. C. Aitken. J. Shepherd equalled two records by scoring 33 shots and winning by 21 shots. C. C. Pereira set a new record of nine successive winning tallies, equalled the record of 17 shots as the result of successive ends, and established a new record of scoring on 16 ends. R. F. Luz had a total of 16 winning tallies to set a new record for the Division.

J. Macdonald broke the Third Division record of winning tallies at consecutive ends with 18, and his total of 17 winning ends equalled the record.

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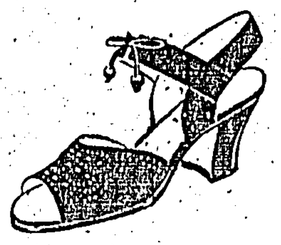

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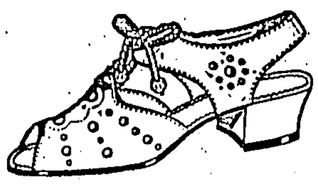

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DEATH

BULLOCK.—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Tomlin, at the War Memorial Hospital on June 8, 1941. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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ENTRY INTO SYRIA

Impelled by motives whose urgency no one can question, Britain has acted with Free French troops against French-mandated Syria, revealing another extraordinary turn of events in a war which began with Britain and France close Allies.

America who would like to see us taking the initiative, and Turkey who would like to see next her southern border any other Power but the Axis, will no doubt welcome the British action. The reactions of the heterogeneous population of Syria and the Levant are awaited with some anxiety on our part; their reception of General Catroux' proclamation will decide whether the Allies will have an easy tenure of the country—with garrison forces against possible parachutist attack—or whether they will have to combat the Arabs as well as the French.

However, the latter contingency seems improbable and the Allies may also expect that the French who have stayed with General Dentz will not have their hearts in a fight against countrymen whom they must know are enrolled in a worthier cause.

The attack on Syria is not likely to lead to a general conflict between the British and French nations. Admiral Darlan has repeatedly asserted that French possessions, including Syria, will be protected against Britain or any other Power but he has never gone further. It would avail France nothing to declare against Britain and forfeit for ever the goodwill of America to save a territory that she should have given up two years ago and which she could now only pass on to her mortal enemy, the Germans.

A pamphlet raid over Unoccupied France would serve to put the issues squarely before the French people who could never tolerate the abject and dishonourable dealings of the Vichy Government if they were fully informed of events; certainly they would never bear arms against Britain. For that matter, it is certain that Hitler would not sleep nights knowing that French armies were on the continent.

It is important for Britain, while prosecuting her aim in Syria with absolute firmness, to avoid untoward friction with the French people—as it is equally important to them that they should not cut themselves irrevocably from us. France and Britain will always be neighbours; once again, it is to be hoped, they will be friends.

As for the Arab people on whom the war is now thrust, they are promised the independence for which they have always yearned. The events of Iraq will serve as a useful object lesson to them. A usurper attempted a coup for the Axis, broke the treaties with Britain and was displaced and the former Regent re-installed with the minimum of violence by British troops who were, as subsequent events proved, interpreting the wishes of all peoples and officials except Rashid Ali's immediate following. The prompt and successful British action—especially the re-installation of the Regent—may have impressed the Moslem world favourably.

It is another strange chance of destiny in a war that has brought subjugation to so many countries that here, in the Middle East, a new and independent kingdom can be created by British hands.

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Bombs and Bombees

By Phillida Hughes

Phillida Hughes is the wife of the "Sunday Express'" famous humorist, Nathaniel Gubbins, whose weekly column "Sitting on the Fence" is a national asset. Miss Hughes' sense of humour is equal to her husband's and, like his, probably developed while she was working in a newspaper office as a serious-minded reporter.

In those days she wrote about fashions and other topics which the Editor considered were suitable for his women readers. To relieve her feelings Miss Hughes occasionally added pungent comments in pencil on the margin of her copy—comments which the sub-editors joyfully read and reluctantly blue-pencilled.

When she finally turned her back on Fleet Street, she began writing such amusing sketches as the series: "A Lady of No Leisure." But whereas Nat Gubbins likes to work in peace and quiet, Miss Hughes can turn out a witty article in the midst of a heated family argument.

FOR FIVE MONTHS MY HOME has become a green pasture for those friends and neighbours who have been bombed out of theirs. And I am beginning to think that Bombees are much worse than bombs.

I dislike other people's luggage—their sponge bags in the bathroom, and most of all their dogs, kept on leads in the drawing room, hating us and trying to get sly nips at our legs in the black-out. And I hate other people's combings in my hair brush.

I am tired of people who are always cold, the rubbing of shins, the banging of arms. Air raids have an immediate effect on the circulation. I hate their more intimate belongings in my bedroom, mules with fluffy ostrich feather trimming, and the prolonged and exhausting goodnights and hope you sleep wells. I hate their "Oh it's so kind" and trouble?" And I hate their at mealtimes with their "Oh! *more*" and "Well just a teeny weeny potato, then."

I hate the way they sit on the edge of the chair and won't presume to lie back comfortably. (Lounge, fool, lounge! You're tired. You've had a ceiling come down on your head, we understand.) I hate their maid's stony expression to be softened. The rationed goods to be fetched from the grocer's. The butcher cajoled. Three hearty meals to be cooked for you each day, and the vegetables brought in from the gardens. When are you going to begin, pets?)

Most of all I hate them for being pathetic and making me so damn sorry for them.

Violet, the maid of all work, starts to shiver, and announces a cold. Violet is always too hot in summer, too cold in winter. Sweating and mopping all August. Shivering and flogging her arms all December. And her feet, which are just a pair of barometers, trouble her all the year round. Why do female feet behave in this curious way? Even gardeners, who grumble at everything, rarely mention their feet, and who ever heard of a postman collapsing in the hall and crying "Well, I never thought I'd be able to deliver your bills and circulars this morning. Me poor feet!"

But even one extra guest can cripple Violet for a week. "We're in for a wet spell," says Violet. "I know by me feet." Or "We're going to have a heat wave, you mark my words: me feet have begun to swell."

Pity Violet can't offer services of her feet to the Government for weather reports. Cultured English voice on radio: "A depression is moving eastwards and, according to Violet's feet, which have now begun to swell. . . ."

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THE EVENING BLITZ STARTS, the sirens wail, and we practically hurl our refugees on their tummies when a noise like the inrushing tide sweeps overhead and racedes. At the first "Look out!" every hand goes out for her own belongings—dear Papa's silver spoons are clutched to a breast; a clock (it was a presentation to dear Papa) is snatched from the mantelpiece, and the dogs get blast-proof cotton wool bonnets tied under their chins.

Then an orgy of tea making. "So refreshing!" (Yes, isn't it? Do you care for a little arsenic in yours?)

Then good-nights and hot water bottles, and a blanket off my bed and on to yours. And the thought that it may be us to-night, and to-morrow we'll be round at the Smith's or the Robinson's with our sponge bags and our pets, rubbing our shins, clutching Mother's rosary or baby's first shoe.

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Violet and I are amazed at the curious mental and physical condition which is the result of being bombed out of one's home. Hands that are accustomed to wield mops and dusters can only rub legs, or lift tea cups to lips, or draw chairs nearer to the fire after they have been with us several weeks. Hands that have run houses for years with a fair amount of competence are incapable of answering the phone in mine. (Oh, you answer it! I hate the thing. Never can make myself understood), or of laying a table; ("Where do I put the cruets? What shall I do with these knives?" I could tell you what to do with them, my sweet, but I won't.) A dithering procession from lounge to kitchen each holding one plate or one cup and saucer, which is placed gingerly on the nearest piece of furniture, is known as "clearing away the tea for you". Violet tells me several times a day that all this is going to Break Up My Home. Violet has seen it happen so often and "don't want it to happen" to me.

My pet Bombee, who never moves from the chair nearest the fire, talks like the information gratuitously given in pocket diaries that no one ever reads. She knows all the phases of the moon by heart—"Moon's up to-night at 9.8. That means they'll be over early. Let me see, it'll be half-moon Saturday week, and full moon for Christmas. . . ."

Shall I ever have my home to myself? Shall I ever know divine solitude, leisure and silence again? Night after night I keep my pet Bombee company by the fire, while the others are washing their hair, combing their dogs, polishing dear Papa's spoons. No one has hinted yet at a move.

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Conversation between self and pet Bombee:—

"Was that the siren?"
"No. Your dog wheezing."
"Ooh! They'll be over early to-night, the devils."
"Pa'raps they won't."
"But it's a full moon."
"Let 'em come!"
"I think I'll go upstairs and pay a little visit while it's quiet."
"I should."
"Yes. Will it be alright for me to go upstairs?"
"Quite."
"You know what I mean, don't you? Just to pay a little visit to. . . ."
"I know."

Pause

"Ooh, there's one overhead now."
"I don't hear it."
"Oh don't you? It's going like this" (painful imitation of a droning Dornier.)
"Um. . . um."
"The Devils!"
"Um. . . um."
"Can I draw my chair a little nearer to the fire?"
"Of course."
"That was a bomb."
"I thought it was one of our guns."
"No, it was a bomb, and near, too."
"Go on."
"Do you think I could have a glass of water?"
"I should think so."
"Oh, shall I get it then?"
"Do you mind?"
"Where do I get it?"
"From the kitchen."
"Oh, will it be all right then if I go into your kitchen to get it?"
"Quite all right."
"I think I'll just go upstairs again."
"Um. . . um."
"To pay a little visit, I mean."
"I know."

Later

"Could I put a little piece of coal on your fire?"
"Chuck a log on."
"Oh, will it be all right if I do that?"
"Of course. Quieter now, isn't it?"
"Oh, that's only a lull. I know. The devils."
"Well, I'm all for lulls."
"Ooh, that was near!"
"No. Miles away."
"Devils!"
"Um."
"I think I'll go upstairs. . . ."
"I say, what's matter with your tummy?"
"It's those devils!"

Later

"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Are you all right?"
"Rather!"
"Are you *sure* you're all right?"
"Quite sure."
"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."

Next morning

"How are you?"
"All right."
"Are you sure you're all right?"
"Rather!"
"Dreadful night, wasn't it?"
"Lousy."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."
"Well, I think I'll just go upstairs to pay a little visit. May I?"

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Look out! Here comes another.

Devils, aren't they?

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"The neighbours are accusing us of ruthless aggression, so stop snatching apples from Nick the Greek's fruit stand till this Balkan situation clears up!"

CONTRACT BRIDGE — How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Good Distribution Is Not Enough

IT is quite natural and proper to attach great importance to the distribution of one's hand and to give great consideration to how well, or how badly, it fits with partner's bids. Even so, high cards can rarely be ignored; only under the most extraordinary circumstances can the opponents' aces and kings be "put to sleep."

North, in to-day's hand, took entirely too much action on his two kings and a queen.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 9 7 6 4 ♡ — ◇ K J 7 ♣ Q J 10 5 4	
♠ Q ♡ K 8 5 ◇ A Q 10 8 ♣ 4 3 2 ♣ 7 6	N W E S	♠ A J 5 2 ♡ J 9 7 3 ◇ 2 ♣ 9 6 5 ♣ 9
	♠ 10 8 3 ♡ A Q 10 6 4 ◇ — ♣ A K 8 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	2 ◇	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's jump to six clubs is the bid that I wish to bring under scrutiny. Since North's honour-trick holding was comparatively meagre, only one and one-half plus, it is obvious that he must have been greatly impressed by the distribution of his hand. It is difficult to see why he should have been. His club support was, of course, excellent, but surely he had no right to assume that there would be only one loser outside. To credit South with such spade strength that there would be no need of losing a spade trick was outrageously optimistic. And, since South had not cue-bid the opponents' diamond suit, how could North know that there would be no diamond loser? As a matter of fact, North should not have ventured to even five clubs, let alone six; he should have been quite content with the four spade contract.

After East's double of six clubs, West opened the spade queen and, whether declarer covered or not, he was doomed to go down two tricks. To cover would permit a third round spade ruff; to refuse to cover would give the enemy three natural spade tricks. Four spades easily could have been made.

To-morrow's Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 6 ♡ J 10 8 ◇ Q 7 6 4 ♣ A K Q 2	
♠ J 9 7 3 ♡ A 9 6 5 ◇ 2 ♣ 7 4 3	N W E S	♠ 10 5 4 2 ♡ 4 3 ◇ J 8 5 3 ♣ 8 6 5
	♠ A Q 8 ♡ K Q 7 ◇ A K 10 9 ♣ J 10 9	

How should this hand be defended against South's six diamond contract?

JUDGE AND CAPTAIN CUNNINGHAM-REID

"Not Penniless Adventurer"

Mr Justice Langton, in the Divorce Court, gave his decision in the motion brought by Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for Marylebone, to vary a Registrar's report dealing with his application to change certain settlements.

The judge directed that the Registrar's report should be upheld with one difference—that Capt. Cunningham-Reid's former wife should make an appointment of one-third of her income as between the two children.

The matter arose out of a divorce granted to Capt. Cunningham-Reid. The application to the Registrar had been made to deal with the detrimental effect which the dissolution of the marriage, he alleged, had had upon his marriage settlement and the future provision for the two children.

Mr Justice Langton referred to the marriage of Capt. Cunningham-Reid "to a lady of immense fortune." It was obvious that the position of a man of very much less fortune married to a wife of such tremendous means could easily put him in an unheroic role, he said.

"Indeed," continued the judge, "I believe it is a almost a claim of fiction that when a hesitating hero is confronted with the terrible prospect of marrying a beautiful millionairess—so far as my recollection of early romances goes—the hero generally did, though always protesting he would not, marry the beautiful and well-endowed lady in the end.

"So there may be in these circumstances precedent for saying the unheroic role was not the only one in which these romances were cast."

Under the terms of settlement of litigation in 1938 the wife had sole charge of the younger child and the husband charge of the elder son. Capt. Cunningham-Reid's case was that owing to his wife's action and misconduct he took the natural and proper course of applying for the custody of the younger child as well.

Children's Education

That meant that he was now saddled with the expense and education of both children. In addition, he was no longer the husband of his immensely wealthy wife and could not succeed under the antenuptial settlement to the reversion of £3,000 a year in the event of the wife's death.

By one of the post-nuptial settlements, Capt. Cunningham-Reid received—and still received—£5,000 a year free of tax. By the other deed Sir Felix Cassel was appointed trustee to deal with another £5,000 a year free of tax—both sums being taken from the income of the wife.

Under the latter trust there were four possible beneficiaries—Capt. Cunningham-Reid, each of the children and the former wife. Sir Felix had said he regarded the trust in the light that Capt. Cunningham-Reid was intended to be the primary beneficiary.

The suggestions put forward by Mr Beyfus, for Capt. Cunningham-Reid, were that the court could recompense Capt. Cunningham-Reid for his loss by taking the Sir Felix Cassel fund and taking it out of the power of Sir Felix to deal with it by apportioning £3,000 a year to Capt. Cunningham-Reid and £1,000 a year each to the children.

The proposal was not an unattractive one, but it left many important factors out of account.

Changed Positions

The positions of the parties had immensely changed. The position of the former wife had been much more seriously affected than that of any of the others owing to the immense increase in surtax and income-tax, which had made what at one time looked like an immense fortune appear to be a very moderate income judged by the standard of only a few years ago.

On his own showing, too, Capt. Cunningham-Reid was not a penniless adventurer.

"He will forgive me for saying that in the witness-box, to which he was most ready to go and in which he showed no desire to perplex me, he was singularly unable really to explain his own financial affairs," said Mr Justice Langton.

"He is simply a gentleman not accustomed to dealing with the more intricate side of financial matters. This much has emerged—that he has a present income of some £3,000 a year. That, it is true, carried an obligation to his mother, who had already reached advanced years. In addition he has some £20,000 in American securities, the present status of which is really obscure."

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In view of all the relevant facts, the judge said, he did not think that the detriment suffered by Capt. Cunningham-Reid was one that ought fairly to be compensated at the expense of the former wife, though it was true that the detriment had been caused by her action.

He was not excluding the fact that Capt. Cunningham-Reid, on his own admission, benefited to the extent of some £25,000 by his association with his former wife.

"I have tried to exclude from my mind any question of prejudice against the lady," concluded the judge. "It is not to the point that she should have behaved badly in the moral sense since the Chancery proceedings."

Mr Justice Langton directed that the former wife should pay the costs of the proceedings.

HARBOUR GUARDIANS — Sturdy-looking 12-inch mortars that guard harbour of San Diego, California. Gun crews are preparing them for sub-calibre practice firing at off-shore towed targets, at their emplacements at Fort Rosecrans.

U-Boat Ace Captured In Wild Dog-Fight

I can now reveal that Cmdr Otto Kretschmer, the Nazi U-boat commander, whose capture was officially announced was taken prisoner after what is described as "one of the wildest dog-fights between warships and submarines ever known," writes a "Daily Telegraph" reporter.

Kretschmer was lionised throughout Germany as the "Wolf of the North Atlantic." With great but imprudent daring he attacked a convoy at night in poor visibility. As a result two—probably three—U-boats were sunk.

Earlier in the evening one of the escorting ships had sighted a U-boat on the surface audaciously shadowing the convoy. Immediately it raced to the attack.

The submarine crash-dived, and there was no apparent sequel to the dropping of depth charges. The warship's commander therefore rejoined the convoy, and all the escort vessels maintained special vigilance.

It was a black, moonless night. An unpleasant swell developed and a slight drizzle reduced the visibility still more. Keen eyes straining into the darkness could only dimly discern nebulous shapes as the ships ploughed a slow course.

The Alarm

Suddenly alarm bells clanged. All the escorting vessels began a furious hunt for the unseen U-boats.

Star shells were fired and the warships circled and twisted, sweeping the depths with their Asdic detectors.

Luck speedily came the way of one ship when the commander spotted a submarine only a few hundred yards away. He signalled full speed ahead to the engine room and attacked.

Half-a-dozen of the U-boat crew flung themselves into the sea as their craft sank. Then, while the British sailors were dragging some of the Germans on board with ropes, the unbelievable happened—a second U-boat surfaced near.

To avoid the possibility of being torpedoed, the victorious warship sped away. But, as it happened, the second submarine had been damaged by depth charges dropped from a sister ship and had been forced to come up.

Numbers of the crew were captured by a sister warship, and the work of rescue went on.

During the hunt, one warship which had dropped a number of depth charges believed that a third U-boat had been sunk.

Unrest Grows Under Nazis

Low Living Standard

Rebellion against Nazi tyranny is growing day by day in the occupied countries.

Evidence collected from a variety of sources by the International Transport Workers' Federation shows how necessary the Germans are finding it to increase the severity of measures designed to hold down and crush the spirit of the people.

The strikes which broke out in Holland in the latter half of February caused the Nazis the greatest concern, and have led to the introduction in the country of the German system of forced labour to which all inhabitants, including foreigners, are liable.

A man in compulsory employment is paid the local wage rate, however much lower it is than what he has been earning.

Also, the Germans are not allowing the rise in the cost of living to be offset by an increase of wages. This is a deliberate attempt to force down the Dutch standard of living to the German level.

French Miners Strike

In occupied France food supplies are bad, and this led recently to a two-day strike by the miners of Bethune.

The Gestapo are rounding up trade unionists who have shown themselves hostile to the regimentation of the workers' unions and the expatriation of French workers to Germany.

Thirteen death sentences have been passed recently in Norway. Arthur Ruud, president of the Telephone and Telegraph Workers' Union, has been arrested.

From Poland, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Germany itself—where the death penalty is now enforced for distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets—come other pieces of evidence, all tending in the same direction.

Making Army Boots Last

Criticism of the Ministry of Supply concerning a test for treating the leather of Army boots to prolong their life appears in a report on supply services of the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

The report states that the Ministry agreed to make a test on 200 pairs of boots. Six months afterwards reports received covered only 180 of the 400 boots subjected to the test.

Incomplete as the evidence was, it appeared to indicate some measure of success from the treatment, states the report. It states that it was unfortunate that the inventor's proposal to treat 10,000 pairs was not accepted, and adds:

"If the time that boots can be used without repair is increased by only one week, and assuming that each repair averages 4s, the saving with an army of 2,000,000 amounts to £400,000 per annum, apart from the possibly larger saving due to the increased total life of army boots."

The committee recommend that a wider test should be carried out forthwith.

At 2.30 p.m. on June 14, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, will inspect the Air Raid Precautions Despatch Corps at the Volunteer Parade Ground.

Service Men's Dependants

Fixing Allowances

Details of the concessions in allowances to dependants of men in the three Services—other than their wives and children—to which Mr Richard Law, War Office Financial Secretary, referred in the House of Commons recently, were given in a White Paper.

In determining the allowance, the needs of dependants will be ascertained in the same way as applicants for assistance under the Means Test Act.

Only the income of these dependants and any sub-dependants will be examined and aggregated. If the dependant is a child under 16 the income of the parent or guardian and of any other sub-dependants of the household will be examined and aggregated.

The amount of allowance will be determined by relating the total net income arrived at to the number of persons whose income has been examined. It will also depend on the net contribution made by the serving man before enlistment.

Borneo Would Be Great Problem for An Attacker

A bird's-eye view of Borneo, giant oil island athwart the Equator, shows how difficult would be the problem of any attacker, and how simple the task of defenders with adequate equipment.

A ground survey backs up the conclusion drawn from the air, from which can be seen thickly-matted jungle rolling down from the tops of the highest mountains to the shallow and dangerous shore, where it is met by nightmare swamps, cables a special correspondent of the Australian Associated Press from Tarakan, Dutch Borneo.

It is the jungle which is Borneo's greatest defence. A beleaguered invader would have little chance of existing, particularly if he was hampered on all sides by trained jungle guerillas, if the few centres of habitation with their food, water, and other supplies were blown up, and if his supply ships were harassed by bombers, submarines, naval surface units, and motor torpedo boats.

Borneo's importance to-day is that it is the producer of various petroleum products without which the modern war machine is paralyzed. The main oil centres are at Balik Papan and Tarakan.

While at Balik Papan and Tarakan, I saw corroboration of the recent Netherlands Indies Government statement that the defences of the oil centres had been considerably improved, the correspondent writes. These defences are new, and their quality and quantity cannot be revealed. It is enough to say that the Dutch are taking advantage of every natural aid to finish off quickly what the jungle and the swamps would take a little longer to do.

Defence Co-ordination

Like that of other islands in the Netherlands Indies, the defence of Borneo is based on close co-operation between the Netherlands Indies Navy, Army, and Air Force. The straits and port approaches have been heavily mined, shore batteries and machine-guns cover likely landing places, and military aerodromes are in positions commanding all approaches. From them, too, aircraft can bomb transports and supply ships long before they reach the shore.

The approaches to Dutch Borneo are guarded on the eastern and western sides by other islands which are also defended. Outer islands off the southern tip of Borneo stretch right up to Mindanao, one of the largest islands of the Philippines. The Celebes, facing the eastern coast of Borneo, separated by the narrow Macassar Sea, are only a few hours' flight from the oil centres, and Balik Papan and Tarakan are a short air distance from the large military and naval air bases of Java.

It is only 600 miles from Malaya to British Borneo, and less from Sumatra to the nearest section of Dutch Borneo, with Dutch owned Billiton Island spaced nicely in the centre of the water jump. So, the lot of an attacker on Borneo would be a difficult one, and any invasion plan is immediately confronted by innumerable difficulties.

Well Defended

Britain, units of her Empire, and the United States have strong interests in Borneo. Portion of Borneo is controlled by Britain, and much of the high-octane fuel for air force operations in Malaya, the East Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines comes from its Dutch portion's oil centres. Other petroleum products, such as petrol with much less tetraethyl lead, and crude oil are needed for transport trucks, armoured cars, artillery tractors, and ships and submarines. The oil wells have been developed with combined British, American, and Dutch capital and ingenuity not by the Governments, but by private companies.

Production for the demoracies is going on at speed in Borneo, and in the interim the island has been, and is still being, well defended. If an invader were fortunate enough to get a few thousand men ashore at great loss, all that would fall into his hands would be blazing wells, smashed drills, sabotaged refineries, and torn-up pipe lines. Borneo, would be useless for the production of oil for at least two years.

SHORTS STORY!

Sensation in St John's Wood, London.

Man seen walking wearily, wearing R.A.F. great-coat and *no trousers.*

Woman rushed home and told her husband: He's a parachutist. And he has a bundle on his back."

Husband, a member of Scotland Yard Flying Squad, rang up the Yard. They sent telephone messages and cars to St John's Wood.

"Stop that man," was the order. The police did.

And found their "parachutist" an R.A.F. footballer in football pants going home after a hard match.

MAY BE FEINT FOR EGYPT

Possible German Tactics

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—Well-informed circles here are wondering whether the German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It is pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in face of the heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before the German preparations for a Libyan attack is complete.

Turkey's Position

Turkey's own position is benefited by the withdrawal of German troops from Greece and Bulgaria, mainly to Moldavia, and military experts express the opinion that it will take the Germans at least a month to build up armies in these areas to their former strength.

Tokyo Press On Uncle Sam's Fleet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Pointing out the mounting tide of patriotism in the United States and the improved quality of American sailors, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" warns the Japanese people against underestimating the United States Navy's fighting power.

The traditional idea of most Japanese about American sailors has been that they join in the service "only to see the world" or that they are so pampered that they will make strictly third-class seamen.

Citing statistics, the paper shows that recent applications for the Naval service were more than ten times the acceptable number. Moreover, a large proportion of the enlisted men is drawn from the tough Scandinavian sea-loving stock.

Fighting Spirit

Commending the high fighting spirit shown by the American Navy throughout its history, the "Yomiuri" says that it has a noble tradition. In the study of naval strategy, the United States ranks in excellence with Germany. There is no other country where the Government and the people are so interested in the strategy of naval warfare as the United States.

Discussing the relative scarcity of higher naval officers, the paper says that the reason is because the rate of advancement is much slower than in other navies which means that the United States Navy has any number of officers among the lower ranks who are capable of taking over the duties of commanders.

MESSAGES TO FRENCHMEN

—From Allies

CAIRO, June 8 (London).—The British advance has been followed by the issue of a number of proclamations, namely, (1) from General de Gaulle to the French forces in the Levant and another from General Sir Archibald Wavell to the French forces, and (2) from General Catroux to the troops and people of the Levant respectively.

General de Gaulle's proclamation says: "Officers, N.C.O.'s, soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Levant: Now is the hour to resume the fight for the liberation of France. I have appointed General Catroux representative and commander-in-chief of the Free French forces in the Levant. You are to obey his orders. This time we shall get them and France will win the war. 'A bientot'."

Wavell's Words

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—General Wavell justifies the British action by declaring that Syria and Lebanon are the "first stage" in the German conquest of French colonies.

"We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless," added General Wavell.

Mr Matsuoka Throws A Smoke Screen

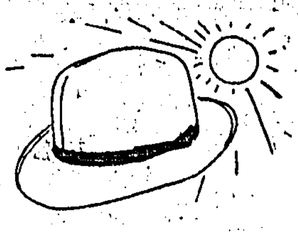
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Ever since the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, received a letter from the Anti-Smoking League pleading earnestly that he should drop his pipe smoking, letters for and against smoking have been arriving from all parts of the country.

This morning Mr Matsuoka, with pipe in his mouth as usual, was glancing over some of these comments on the merits and evils of smoking when he came to a long box containing a scroll and a letter. The scroll turned out to be an ancient picture of a fierce looking beggar blowing smoke from his mouth while the letter read, "we think this is a good resemblance of you."

Mr Matsuoka thoughtfully puffed at his pipe and took a second look at the picture remarking dryly, "smoking is a habit with me now, but I think you young people should quit smoking by all means."

The Hongkong branch of the Chinese Engineers Society celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the organisation and Engineers' Day on Friday at a meeting held at No. 74, Kennedy Road.



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Hitler's Comic Romance With Elderly Heiress

Revelations of Hitler's love affairs, his ludicrous attempts to win a wife, and his tragic wooing of Renate Muller, the film star, are put on record in "Hitler's Girls, Guns and Gangsters" (Hurst and Blackett, 16s.).

Contrary to popular belief, women have played a big part in Hitler's life; he is fascinated by them and is easily infatuated.

Leni Riefenstahl, the famous film star, was given the special mission of captivating Hitler. She failed.

Instead of love, Hitler talked business, and he got her to buy him securities for investments abroad!

In 1931 when Goebbels and Himmler were worried about Hitler's infatuation for his niece, Angela Raubal, they agreed that "Adolf must be married, and married quickly."

"The lady must have a romantic background to please the old women of both sexes in the Party," said Goebbels. "And I have found the real thing.

". . . Money, plenty of money, romance. Nordic tradition—Frau Siegfried Wagner, Richard's Wagner's widowed daughter-in-law, the heiress of Bayreuth!"

"And is she agreeable to the idea?" asked Himmler, "She doesn't know anything yet, but—leave it to me," replied Goebbels.

Frau Wagner, English-born, middle-aged and mother of three children, was not beautiful, but had great natural charm.

Tactless

For his first meeting (which Goebbels had engineered) with Frau Wagner, Hitler made elaborate preparations.

He visited a dentist to have his decayed teeth made gold ones, and he also replenished his wardrobe.

Frau Wagner was not impressed—at first.

When she asked him what opera he liked best, he tactlessly replied "The Merry Widow." . . . So, day after day, Hitler accompanied Frau Wagner to the Wagner Festival. The romance was developing.

Meanwhile, Himmler, in Berlin, saw the prospect of big money for the Nazi party coming from Hugenberg, the millionaire newspaper owner and film magnate.

Every day he was ringing up to have a word with Hitler, and every day the excuse had to be given, "Der Fuehrer is listening to Wagner music."

"At all costs, Himmler decided, the Wagner idyll in Bayreuth must be brought to an end and Hitler must return to Berlin.

The result was an article in the "Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung" which posed the question: "Was Richard Wagner a Jew?"

Erna Ran Away

When Hitler read the article, he furiously summoned his bodyguard and left Bayreuth—and Frau Wagner—within an hour.

Another unlucky Hitler wooing was that of Erna Hanfstaengl. Erna, a cultured Society girl, treated his courting as a joke.

Daily he sent her flowers; blushingly he presented her with his best painting. But so tired did Erna become of his attentions that she ran away to Switzerland.

Renate Muller, the popular German film actress, who made a film in England, was introduced to Hitler by Goebbels.

They had many meetings, but the projected romance did not materialise. Miss Muller died suddenly. Reports that she committed suicide were officially denied.

MYSTERY V.C.'s NEW AWARD

A mystery V.C. in the last war who also won the D.S.C. has now won the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' decoration.

He is Commander Harold Auten. In the last war he commanded H.M.S. Stock Force, one of the "Q" ships which combated U-boats.

H.M.S. Stock Force, although seriously damaged by a torpedo, retaliated with such effect that the U-boat was sunk.

No details of Commander Auten's award could be published at the time and when he received the V.C. in the quadrangle of Buckingham Palace the band played "Hush, hush, hush—here comes the bogey man"—to the amusement of King George V, and the spectators.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Sports Possibilities Of Roller Skating

Hockey On Wheels Can Provide Thrills And Fun

Popularity Assured

(By "Tinker")

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, following a visit to the Shumshuipo Barracks to watch a Middlesex Boxing Tournament, I wrote on the initiative that Middlesex sportsmen had shown in the making of their roller-skating rink. It was the only one in Hongkong, and it was then advocated that as a civilian enterprise it would also prove popular.

At the time, it was doubtless dismissed as just another article. But take a look around the Colony to-day and count the number of skating rinks that are. And another is being laid out!

The Ritz, at North Point, was the first to lay out a rink, but it was soon followed by others—two of them—on the mainland, and though I haven't been inside yet, I heard the sound of roller-skates on one of the upper floors of one of the hotels in the central district a little while ago. Happy Valley is the site for the newest rink.

Graceful Art

SKATING improves one's sense of balance, and there is a lot of pleasure to be had out of simply circling round and round the rink as most people do at present. It is an omission, however, not to provide music at the rinks—if only from a gramophone—for the beat perfects rhythm on the rink, and skating is a graceful art that demands rhythm.

It has proved itself immensely popular with the younger folk—I noted a "skates hospital in Nathan Road—and hockey on skates is an adaptation that is gathering its supporters."

At the moment, the military sportsmen are practically the only ones to indulge in the game, though a team of civilians have taken part in one of the matches at the Kowloon Rink, but hockey enthusiasts in the Colony might give the matter some thought.

In its similarity to ice hockey it has its appeal. It is fast and can be made very scientific.

But, one must first learn to skate, and skate well, for the manoeuvres require quite some skill.

If anyone has any doubts about the possibilities of hockey on skates, a visit to one of the games between the Regiments would be an eye-opener. They are played in the right spirit, and provide great fun. I mention the right spirit for, as in ice hockey, bumps can be frequent, and sometimes hard, and these must be taken in good-humour.

The Boon Of Ice

IT would be a boon to Hongkong if an ice rink were made. It would, of course, have to be enclosed from the rays of the sun. But like Jai-Alai, on which I wrote last week, it would be a costly venture at the outset, though I have no doubt that it would be a very profitable venture all the year round.

Roller skates may not provide the same facility for figure- and trick-skating as on ice, but the fundamental pleasures are similar for it incorporates the same soothing sense of gliding along as though in flight.

Nor have they the same glide as those on ice, nor can one produce the same turn of speed, but they are an excellent substitute.

Golf

Heafner And Shute Lead U.S. Open

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 7 (Reuter).—Clayton Heafner and Densmore Shute lead at the completion of the second round of the United States Open Golf Championship with scores of 144, while Paul Runyan, Johnny Bulla and Jugs McSpaden are lying second with totals of 146.

A cloud-burst followed by a violent electrical storm delayed play for a long time and consequently most second-round scores were 75 or over. Scores of the leading players at the completion of the second round were:

Clayton Heafner	72, 72.=144
Densmore Shute	69, 75.=144
Paul Runyan	74, 72.=146
Johnny Bulla	75, 71.=146
Jugs McSpaden	71, 75.=146
Ray Mangrum	73, 74.=147
Victor Ghezzi	70, 79.=149
Ben Hogan	74, 77.=151

Two Wins For Chinese Soccerites In Australia

Sydney, June 7.

The visiting combined Eastern-Sing Tao Football team from Hongkong played their third match in Australia to-day, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by five goals to three.—*Reuter.*

Another Victory

Sydney, June 8.

The Chinese footballers to-day beat Granville 7-4.—*United Press.*

Whirlaway's Triple Triumph

NEW YORK, June 7 (UP).—Whirlaway to-day became the fifth horse in United States turf history to secure the triple crown, winning the U.S. G$25,000 Belmont Stakes. Whirlaway had previously won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.

Yankee Chance was second and Itabo third.

Tennis

U. S. Pro. Doubles

Hollywood, June 7.

Keith Gledhill and Lester Stoefen, former United States Tennis Doubles champions, to-day won the United States Professional Doubles title when they beat Sid Barnes and A. D. Bell 6-4, 13-11.—*Reuter.*

WEEK-END LEAGUE BOWLS

H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C."A"), A. Hyde-Lay (K.B.G.C."A"), R. Basa (C.C.C), A. M. Omar (C.C.C), K. M. Omar (C.C.C) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C."A") keenly interested in the wood that is just passing the jack.—*Ming Yuen.*

Lawn Bowls League

Recreio "A" Regain Lead In First Division

Kowloon Tong Still Unbeaten

RECREIO "A" regained the lead in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League yesterday when they beat their "B" Club-mates 5-0 at King's Park. Though having played one more game than Craigengower, they have a four points' lead.

Kowloon Tong secured a six points' lead in the Second Division on Saturday when Kowloon Football Club lost to Recreio, and K. Tong maintained their unbeaten record at the expense of the Hongkong F.C. at the Valley.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by J. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (K.B.G.C. Third Division) in their match against the Hongkong Electric at North Point. The total for this rink victory—40-11—established a new aggregate record.

A. J. Coelho (C.C.C., 3rd Div.) registered a seven against R. A. Edwards (Hongkong C.C.) on Saturday, while sixes were claimed by C. Strange (C.S.C.C., 1st Div), A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C., 2nd Div.), and J. C. Aitken (Police, 3rd Div.).

Two matches were played yesterday. Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" in the First Division, and Craigengower beat Recreio in the "C" Division. Scores were:

At King's Park Recreio A beat Recreio B 5-0.

D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto lost to Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva 15-22.

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres lost to F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz 12-20.

F. A. Machao, C. A. Lopes, Eddie Souza, J. F. Noronha lost to L. F. Xavier, C. M. da Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva 13-19.

Third Division

At Recreio Craigengower beat Recreio 4-1.

L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich lost to F. X. Delgado, R. K. Pavri, C. W. Lam, N. P. Karanjia 17-27.

F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho beat L. M. Roza, W. J. Curd, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho 22-13.

G. A. Ribeiro, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon lost to E. J. Tock, F. K. Modi, G. Ladd, D. A. Rozario 14-19.

International Soccer

England Beat Wales 3-2

Thrilling Match

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—England beat Wales by three goals to two after the latter had led by two clear goals at the interval, in their International Association Football match to-day before 20,000 spectators.

Woodward and James placed Wales in the lead long before England got going, but later Hagan reduced England's arrears. Bryn Jones, the £14,000 star, had extremely hard luck in not converting a header for Wales just before the interval.

Early in the second-half the Welsh forwards worked their way through the English defence, but Hapgood, the England and Arsenal captain, dropped back to save the final shot with the England goalkeeper outpositioned. Hagan equalised for England soon after this, and just before the end Welsh put paid to Wales' account by converting England's final goal.

Reading Wins London Cup

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—Reading won the London Cup Association Football competition to-day when they beat Brentford by the odd goal in five after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sherwood scored after three minutes for Reading, but half an hour later Perry found the back of Reading's net for Brentford. Early in the second half Poland, in Brentford's goal, had the misfortune to punch the ball through into his own net in an attempt to save, and Reading led by the odd goal.

Perry again came to the rescue of Brentford and equalised with a grand shot, but before the end Edelston, released from the International match, scored the deciding goal in Reading's favour.

The Rt Hon. Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, attended the game and had the teams presented to him. He later handed the cup and souvenirs to the winning captain and team.

Scottish Cup Games

London, June 7.

The first round of the Scottish Football Association's Summer Cup competition was played to-day, while a full programme of matches was held in the North and South Regional Leagues. The results were:

Scottish Summer Cup, first round.—Airdrieonians 3 Hamilton 3; Celtic 2 Hibernian 0; Falkirk 3 Rangers 3; Heart of Midlothian 8 Queen's Park 1; Morton 1 Clyde 2; Motherwell 3 Dumbarton 2; Partick 1 St Mirren 3; Third Lanark 5 Albion Rovers 2.

South Regional League.—Leicester City 2 Stoke City 1; Millwall 3 Crystal Palace 2; Tottenham Hotspur 3 Fulham 1; West Ham 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Aldershot 3 Watford 1.

Regional Match.—Mansfield Town 1 Chesterfield 4.

North Regional League.—Manchester City 3 Bury 2; Oldham 5 Bolton Wanderers 1; Preston North End 6 Liverpool 1.

Other Matches.—Brighton 1 Allied Services 1.—*Reuter.*

Swimming

Manila Unable To Send Interport Team

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest.

This was learned yesterday from Mr L. R. Ildefonso, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hongkong send a representative team to Manila later in the season, but it is thought improbable that Hongkong will be able to obtain permission for those swimmers who are members of the Volunteers, to secure leave.

Week-End Water-Polo

Only three Invitation Water-polo Tournament matches were held over the week-end, and all ended as anticipated.

On Saturday two matches were held in the Dockyard pool, when Navy "A" beat 36th Battery R.A. by five goals to one, and 8th Coastal Regiment R.A. beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to two. Rutter (2), Lieut. Carter, Paul and Halfyard scored for Navy "A", while Richards scored for 36th Battery. McNulty (4) and Caithorpe netted for 8th Coastal Regiment for 965th Battery.

In "Y" Pool

Yesterday morning only one match was held in the Y.M.C.A. pool, when Middlesex "A" beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to one. Jennings (2), Binden (2) and Ure scored for the winners, and Hall replied for the Gunners. The other match between 36th Battery R.A. and 8th Coastal Regt R.A. was postponed.

Water-Polo Meeting

A meeting of representatives of the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-polo Tournament will be held at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Y.M.C.A. to draw up further fixtures.

Four Die In Freight Train Disaster

SALINAS, Cal., May 5.—A huge mountain locomotive pulling a 94-car Southern Pacific freight train exploded five miles north of here Saturday, killing four trainmen and hurling jagged smoking steel in all directions.

Twenty boxcars and oil tank cars piled up like toys along the right-of-way.

K. C. C. Cricketers At Lawn-Bowls

Members of the successful Kowloon Cricket Club's senior and junior cricket teams gathered at the Club yesterday for a curry tiffin, following which they met in a bowls match which the seconds won after an extra head by all rinks.

A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, D. Hung, J. P. Robinson lost to H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. W. Parsons 16-19.

E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, N. D. Lloyd, E. C. Fincher beat A. E. Perry, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, S. A. Gray 24-12.

R. T. Broadbridge, L. R. Burch, N. A. E. Mackay, T. W. Carr lost to W. C. Hung, R. J. Fenton, R. Leigh, G. E. Taylor 13-22.

Yorkshire Team

The following will represent the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hongkong against the Hongkong Electric on Friday at 9 p.m. at Ming Yuen:

P. R. Parks, A. L. Fisher, A. G. Gratten, M. N. Rakusen (skip).

Lt.-Col. H. D. Holt, H. H. Mundy, J. Sykes, J. G. Meyer (skip).

A. R. Brown, J. H. Bottomley, C. F. Needham, A. Brookabank (skip).

Other members wishing to play are requested to be present, as they are almost certain to get a game.

14,169 Rabbits Caught In 147 Nights

Three trappers attached to the firm of Messrs. Gough, of South Cerney, Cirencester, Glos, claim that in 147 nights between August 19 and December 21 they caught 14,169 rabbits. Thousands more have been caught since that date.

H. N. Gough caught 215 rabbits in one night with 100 traps, and on another night S. E. Evans caught 205 with a similar number of traps. In 20 days 7,585 rabbits were caught, and 5,332 in 18 days. The rabbits were trapped on farms in Glocestershire and Wiltshire.

Mr Isaac Gough, head of the firm, contends that the method employed by his men—trapping above the ground—is by far the best.

MILITARY ATTACHE HERE

—Colonel G. T. Wards, Military Attache, British Embassy, Tokyo, has arrived in the Colony from Manila. He is en route to Tokyo.

Baseball Season's Grand Opening

Mindanao Nose Out Brewers In Last Inning Thrills

WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, the Governor, tossing the first ball, the Hongkong Baseball Season opened in grand style at the new Kowloon Ball Park on Saturday, U.S.S. Mindanao nosing out the H. B. Brewery 7-6 in a last inning rally that had fans roaring with excitement.

Yesterday, U.S.S. Asheville beat Mohawks 6-4, and Royal Engineers defeated South China 9-5.

There was a record gathering at ball-park on Saturday for the official opening, and the baseball was in keeping with the enthusiasm of the fans.

The following were the official guests of the League.—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, accompanied by his A.D.C. Captain H. S. Batty Smith; His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasett, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain R. E. T. St. John; Commodore Richard E. Cassidy, U.S.N., and Captain McGlyn, of U.S.S. Mindinao; Commodore Collinson; Captain R. E. Guest, Secretary of the Area Sports Board; and the American Consul-General, Mr J. H. Bruins.

Mindanao trailed 5-6 at the beginning of the final inning, and when Wilson crossed the plate and tied scores 6-all with two away, the crowd was ready for anything. Then R. Wilson batted a screamer to centre and cashed in the winner.

The Brewers, however, had yet a chance of making the grade, but failed before the brilliant pitching of Powlawski.

Scores inning by inning were:

Mindanao:									
Runs	0	0	5	0	2	0	2	=	7
Hits	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	=	8
Brewery:									
Runs	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	=	6
Hits	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	=	5

Mohawks Subdued

SCORING 1, 1 and 2 in the first three frames, but thereafter remaining blank, the Mohawks went under the U.S.S. Asheville 4-6 in the opener of the baseball session yesterday.

Asheville came through strongly in the second frame with four runs, and clinched the issue with singles in the fifth and sixth cantos.

Scores were:

Mohawks:									
Runs	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	=	4
Hits	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	=	6
Asheville:									
Runs	0	4	0	0	1	1	x	=	6
Hits	0	2	1	0	2	0	x	=	5

Sappers Win Easily

ROYAL ENGINEERS upset calculations in the nightcap yesterday by beating South China 9-5 after a great last stretch rally. Scores deadlocked 2-all at the end of the fourth frame but Sappers chased home three in the fifth and four in the sixth to put the game on ice.

Scores were:

R. Engineers:									
Runs	0	1	0	1	3	4	0	=	9
Hits	0	0	2	4	1	2	0	=	9
S. China:									
Runs	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	=	5
Hits	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	=	6

AQUATIC RECORDS BROKEN AT LAICHIKOK GALA

At Laichikok last night the three-day swimming gala organised by the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Union Club was concluded. The proceeds were for the Bomber Fund, British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, Free Schools, and Free Medical Services.

During the gala two Chinese National records were broken and one equalled. Miss Sai Wa-ying, of Chinese Bathing Club timing 1.30 1-5 broke the record for the women's 100 metres backstroke on the first day. On the second day the record for the men's 200 metres relay was broken by Sing Tao Sports Club timing 1.55. The record for the women's 100 metres was equalled by Miss Ho Wai-king, of Chinese Bathing Club, who clocked 1.22.

A water polo match between the Residents Union Club and the Middlesex put the finishing touch to the gala. Outstanding player for the home team was Chu Cheuk-yau who scored the winning goal for his side in the second half. Wong Cheung, in goal, made several spectacular saves in the first half and it was largely due to him that Middlesex failed to score.

Mr Lui Ping-chuen, Chairman, distributed the prizes.

Yesterday's results:

400 metres open relay.—1, Sing Tao (Ng Nin, Shek Kam-put, Wong Tao-hung, Li Fook-ki). 2, Residents Union Club (John Tai, Chan Chiu-cheung, Mak Kwok-hung, Chan Kwok-kwun). Time 5.27 3-10.

Women's 200 metres breaststroke (open).—1, Ng Shu-lin, 2, Sum Wai-yung. Time 3.46 6-10.

50 metres sidestroke.—1, John Tai, 2, Chan Chui-cheung, 3, Chan Kwok-kwun.

50 metres (open to film stars).—1, Yiu Ping, 2, Yeung Bun. Time 38.4.

100 metres backstroke (open).—1, Ng Nin, 2, Poon Wing-kai, 3, Lau Yui-ting. Time 1.16 1-10.

50 metres.—1, John Tai, 2, Mak Kwok-hung, 3, Chan Chui-cheung.

100 metres breaststroke (open to film stars).—1, Yeung Bun; 2, Yiu Ping. Time 1.41 1-2.

Women's 50 metres' backstroke.—1, Tsang Fung-kwun, 2, Ng Sui-lin. Time 40.3.

Diving (open).—1, Lam Ka-hung (151 pts.); 2, Wo Ka-kui, (139 pts.); 3, To Chung-ming (111 pts.).

Water Polo.—Middlesex lost to Residents Union Club 1-0.—Teams.—Residents Union.—Wong Cheung; Wong Sau-sum, Chan Kwok-kwun; Kwok Fung-sun; Yeung Man-kit, Kwow Chan-hang, Chun Cheuk-yau. Middlesex Goddard; Bindon, Quickendon; Jennings; Birdecy, Bordge, Puddfoot.

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It's a story of a small corvette, rolling along the ocean. Muffled men on the bridge saw a German raider against the horizon.

In the Admiralty, hundreds of miles away, this short brave sign reached them from the corvette:—"ENEMY RAIDER. AM ENGAGING."

That's all.

In his room Mr A. V. Alexander picked up the brief signal—one of the many he sees every day. He described his reactions:

"Anyone who knows what naval ships are, and what is the size of a corvette compared with an enemy raider, will realise the courage of that signal," he said.

"It just overwhelmed me. It brought tears to my eyes. It also made me feel very thankful that there was a big sister close by."

This year's medical graduates of the University of Hongkong are seen in the above photograph. Seated in centre is the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Gordon King, and beside him are (left) Prof. P. B. Wilkinson and (right) Prof. R. C. Robertson. (Photo A. Fong).

Germany's Blockade Worries

Transport Is The Real Difficulty

Our blockade of Germany and the R.A.F. bombings, it is learned in London, are seriously hampering the Nazis' war potentials. Problems of distribution and transport are giving the enemy more worry than actual shortage.

In most cases where one would look for shortage as a result of the blockade, the Germans are still living on stocks, which they already had or have looted.

Labour is also providing difficulties, in spite of the large numbers of foreign workers imported.

The German technical Press shows anxiety regarding ferro alloys, and announcements of synthetic rubber substitutes are made periodically.

Nickel coins have been called in in Italy and occupied countries.

Wooden Shoes

Shortage of textiles is affecting chiefly the German civilian consumer.

The French have been robbed of their textile stocks, and are now being forced to collaborate in the establishment of synthetic textile industries.

Hunger for leather is indicated by the fact that wooden shoes are officially encouraged in Germany.

Tin and packing material substitutes have been introduced, but German housewives are warned against keeping food too long in the substitute packing.

There is a serious shortage of fats.

POLES READY TO MEET NAZIS IN MIDDLE EAST

After many months of hard military training in Palestine and Egypt, a Polish group, equipped with the latest British weapons and ammunition, is set and anxious to meet the Nazis on the battlefield again.

"We are grimly determined to fight to the last man until victory is won and freedom restored," declared General Kopanski, commander-in-Chief of the Polish troops in Egypt.

The Polish brigade, formed in April 1940, is largely composed of officers and men who fought their way from German prison camps plodding through deep snow across the Taurus mountains. Recruits are still pouring in from many parts of the world.

Many Polish pilots are also reported in the Near East. Poles helped to prepare defences in the Western Desert and are now establishing lines of communication and building tank traps, wire entanglements and other defences.

R.A.F. COURAGE RECOGNISED

Eagles' feathers, sent to England by the Indian Council Fire, an Indian society of Chicago, for presentation to members of the R.A.F., have been awarded to a small group of pilots who have specially distinguished themselves in air fighting against the enemy. In Indian symbolism an eagle's feather is a token of courage.

Melbourne Man's Miraculous Escape from Greek Front

In a clumsy oaken craft of 50 tons, with sails and an auxiliary engine, Major Eugene Gorman, the Melbourne barrister and Comforts Fund Commissioner, escaped from Greece during the evacuation after a series of extraordinary adventures.

Carrying six Australian soldiers and 56 Greek refugees the little trading vessel, called a kayak, sailed safely into an island harbour behind eight warships of the Mediterranean Fleet on the morning of April 28, writes John Hetterington, the "Sydney Sun" War correspondent in the Middle East.

Gorman rounded off the trip by borrowing a truck on the island and distributing cocoa, tinned fruit, 3,500 tins of tobacco and other comforts to thousands of A.I.F. evacuees on the island.

He was able to do this because he had brought away in the kayak practically all the Comforts' Fund stores in Greece—about 1½ tons—including £100 worth of cutlery that had been purchased for the Australian Soldiers' Club which was to have opened in Athens.

Gorman hired the kayak in expectation that Greece would be evacuated a few days before Britain began to withdraw her forces.

He loaded his personal belongings and stores into her during April 22 and boarded her late the same night with five non-commissioned officers employed on canteen and Comforts' Fund duties.

Cabaret Dangers

The Australians found a number of refugees already on board—Greek soldiers, four women cabaret performers and a barman from a leading hotel, all desperately eager to leave Greece.

The kayak reached the island of Siphnos early next morning and put into a small cove well away from the main harbour, the passengers going ashore in two dinghies and hiding in caves while enemy aircraft scouted overhead.

They had not been ashore long when an enemy plane flew over and sank a 5,000-ton refugee ship in the main harbour.

Passengers who escaped ashore from the bombed ship, including a company of Greek machine-gunners asked Gorman to take them in the kayak and he agreed to take 12 because the kayak would not hold any more.

Boat Fired On

Gorman put some aboard and was waiting on shore for a dinghy to pick him up when Greek machine-gunners fired across the boat and ordered it to pull towards them. Twelve to 13 got into it and compelled the rowers to pull to the kayak, leaving Gorman still on shore.

As the Greeks reached the vessel the non-commissioned officers aboard, with a rifle, a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, forced the Greeks to surrender their arms and turned them towards the shore.

A second dinghy began to take off Gorman, and it also was fired on, and again the gunners climbed into it, but by a ruse he eluded them and reached the kayak in darkness, only to discover that she could not put to sea because of a broken air-compressor.

This meant another day ashore in caves while the compressor was repaired, but finally she got away and made the Island of Melos, where a column of smoke revealed another bombed refugee ship.

Enemy aircraft had sunk seven ships there in 11 days, and a 6,000-tonner that came in soon after the kayak's arrival was bombed and sunk within a few hours.

A Miracle

Four or five survivors from the bombed ship were added to the kayak's already over-large company, and when she was again preparing to sail that night adverse winds developed and the captain decided it was dangerous to put to sea.

Thus the passengers returned ashore for another day's wait.

"There was only one good thing about it," said Gorman. "A Greek soldier caught four mountain goats and cooked them. We were ravenous for fresh meat and tore the carcases to bits and ate them like tigers."

The kayak sailed at dark, but soon ran into heavy seas. The captain was in despair, and said the kayak could not make headway—his only course was to head westward to the island of Cythera.

"It looked like the end of the chapter until a miracle happened," said Gorman. "The wind changed to a favourable quarter, and the kayak, using her sails and engine, ran before the wind all night, making about eight or nine knots, and reaching the island for which she had set out."

19 Men, One Woman To Plan New Britain

Nineteen men and one woman were named by Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings, as members of a consultative panel who will help him to plan the New Britain.

Lord Reith stated that he expected to receive shortly a report from the committee set up under the chairmanship of Mr Justic Uthwatt on the best methods of stopping speculation in site values in bombed areas.

The new panel will give expert advice to this committee which is now working out details for the machinery of replanning.

The panel includes ten architects and town planning experts, headed by Professor L. Patrick Abercrombie (just appointed town planning adviser to the L.C.C.) and Mr W. H. Ansell, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Sir Walter Citrine, Lord Balfour of Burleigh; Dr L. Dudley Stamp, director of the Land Utilisation Survey; Sir Montague Barlow, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of the Industrial Population, and four other members of the same Commission; together with representatives of local authorities such as Gloucestershire and Lancashire, Leeds and Liverpool.

The Woman Member

The woman member is Mrs Lionel Hichens, a member of the Royal Commission on Distribution of Industrial Population.

Lord Reith said he envisaged a central planning authority empowered to take bold, comprehensive decisions on utilisation of land, location of population in relation to industry, creation of national parks, trunk roads, etc.

The central authority would lay down the broad outlines of its plans, and hand them over to regional authorities.

Below the regions there would be provision for the collaboration of the "smallest efficient planning units," whose ground knowledge would enable them to fill in the detail.

Test surveys for the reconstruction of Birmingham, Coventry and Bristol have already proved, in Lord Reith's view, that pre-war administrative boundaries will have to be disregarded. Present town and country planning laws will have to go back into the melting pot.

SANG IN BOMBED HOSTEL

--Brave Nurses

When a shower of fire bombs fell on their South London hostel during a recent raid nurses climbed on to the roof and sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning" as they fought the flames.

As soon as the incendiaries had been put out the girls went off on their cycles as the raid continued to tend the sick and injured patients.

These "Florence Nightingales on cycles"—the District Nurses—have just been commended for their heroic work by Queen Mary.

"It is really wonderful how you are carrying on," she wrote in a letter to Miss Mercy Wilmshurst, general superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Amid Debris

"During the Plymouth raids our nurses went out looking for their sick patients. They searched wreckage, and sometimes managed to get people out alive." Miss Wilmshurst told the press.

"They lit fires with debris wood, to sterilise their instruments, and they continued their rounds sometimes working without gas, light, or water.

"But to all our women, raid risks are just part of their job now. No bomb would stop them from visiting their patients."

Swedish Overseas Trade Kept Up Despite Heavy Handicaps

NEW YORK.—Although Britain now permits five Swedish ships a month to pass through the blockade, numerous difficulties still stand in the way of Swedish overseas trade.

Latest estimates of Swedish shipping losses announced by Swedish sources here, show a total of 85 vessels aggregating more than 200,000 tons have been sunk. About 500 officers and men have been fatalities.

In addition, while no general permit is needed, each shipment must be covered with special naval certificate or "navicert," thus involving sometimes as many as 500 separate licenses for a single cargo ship. This entails an enormous amount of preliminary negotiations before a ship can sail.

Under the British blockade agreement, which says that one of the five ships going to Sweden must come from a British port, it is stipulated that a corresponding number of ships of equal tonnage be allowed to leave westward so that the Swedish tonnage inside the blockade remains at the same level.

Shipments Get Through

Nevertheless, shipments are getting through to Sweden from the United States. On March 16 the 4,000-ton motor freighter Vasaholm of the Swedish-American-Mexico Line entered Gothenburg, Sweden, with a mixed cargo direct from New York.

On March 4 the 7,800-ton steamer Tynningoe owned by the Rex Company of Stockholm, arrived from the United States with foodstuffs. It also carried delayed Christmas presents and food gifts to private individuals, such as dried fruits and soap.

On February 25 the Swedish motorship Gilmaran loaded with 6,000 tons of important freight, chiefly cotton and tin plate, arrived direct from Galveston.

Exports to the United States were reopened with the arrival in New York on April 3 of the Swedish freighter Stegeholm from Gothenburg.

Since March 4, however, it is known that at least four Swedish freighters have been sunk.

Divorce For Officer Once In Colony

A decree nisi was granted by the President, Lord Merriman, in the Divorce Court recently to Colonel Thomas John Robert Langmaid, of Hailsham, Sussex, on the ground of the adultery of Mrs Helen Rose Langmaid with the co-respondent, Colonel Hugh Alexander Urquhart. The suit was not defended.

The husband's case was that when he returned to his wife in 1931, after several years in India and Hongkong, she admitted she was interested in Colonel Urquhart, and later she and the co-respondent occupied a flat together in Pembridge Gardens, W.

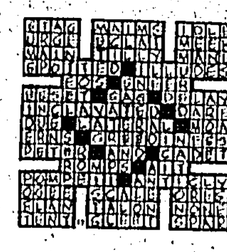
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Top of head
5—Frightening experience
10—Prepare luggage for traveling
14—Tiniest portion of matter
15—Eagle's claw
16—Plant of lily family
17—Filthy place
18—Reason
20—Brew containing alcohol
21—Seventh note of scale
22—Breather hole
23—Cross between horse and donkey
25—Preposition
26—Requiring prompt attention
28—Custom
29—Eugene
31—Hares on hind legs
32—According to nature (Latin abbr.)
33—Humiliates
35—Diversion
36—Strikes
38—Grown person
39—Critics' articles
41—Am in accord
45—Biblical name
46—Parts of circles
50—Raises from birth
52—And (French)
53—Lively
54—Section of track
55—Of ancient lineage
57—Women about to be married
58—Printer's measure
59—Inflamed spot
61—Patron saint of sailors
62—In same manner
63—Friend (French)
65—Vilifies
67—Fifty-six
68—Variety of carnelian
70—Closed automobile
71—Rear of sole
72—Woody plant
73—Tendency
74—French river

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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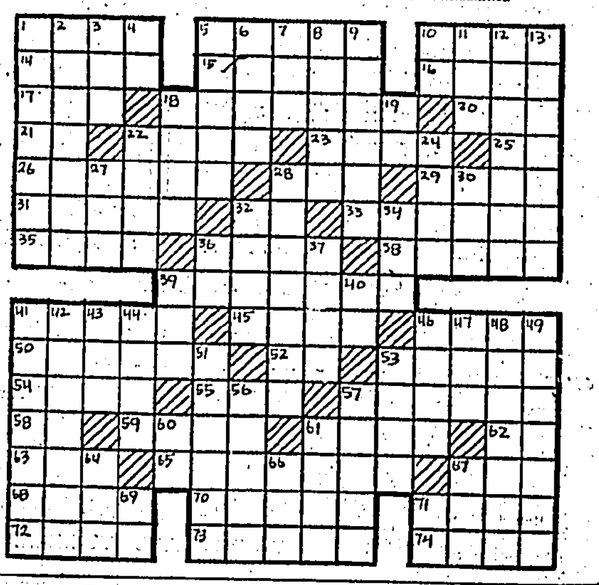
1—Meadow for cattle feeding
2—Dressed
3—Plaything
4—Two ens
5—Tricky performance
6—Wheeled vehicle
7—High peak
8—House divisions
9—Follows
10—Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
11—Armpit
12—Army officer
13—Most sharp
18—Writing instruments
19—Elevated (col.)
22—Extremely
24—English oath, expressing surprise
27—English oath, expressing surprise
28—With no record kept of duration
30—Ostrich-like bird
33—One of worshipped Hindu trinity
34—Owns
36—That boy
37—Capital
38—Scarlet
40—Military department of U. S. government (abbr.)
41—Side by side
42—Science of correct language
43—Portugese money of account
44—Lampreys
46—Discount on foreign bills of exchange
47—Free, as from annoyance
48—Divides forcibly
49—Attached by base, as leaf
51—Most painful
53—Lethal weapons
56—Bar used to obtain mechanical advantage
57—Mixture
60—Conjunction
61—Ardor (French)
64—Wrath
66—Governor-general of Philippines in 1906
67—Roumanian francs
69—Prefix: out
71—Exclamation



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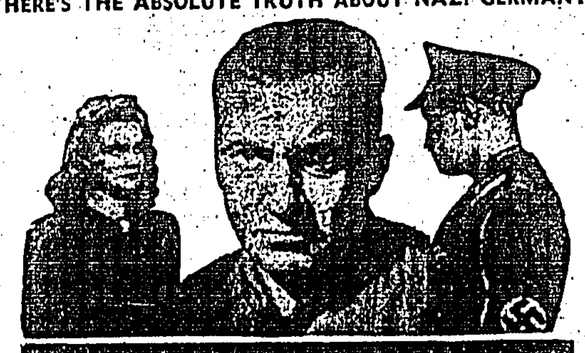

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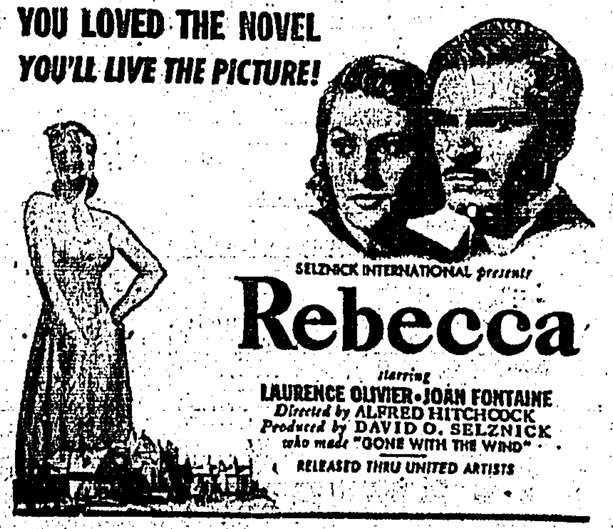

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ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST

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bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated pilots on Saturday on their success.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command yesterday carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

Three British bombers and one fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

Attack On Brest

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest was described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked the docks and shipping at Bergen during the night.

No British bombers were lost.

JAPAN HONOURS BRITON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 8 (Domei).—The Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure has been conferred on Professor Edward Harris, former British instructor at the Military Staff College, in recognition of his great services to education in Japan.

Professor Harris served at the Military Academy, the First Higher School, the Peers' School and the Military Staff College during his 30 years residence in Japan.

How Will Cripps Go To U.K.?

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—The "Democraten's" Berlin correspondent, commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow, says that the German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London since any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

A complete silence is maintained here on the subject.

German Planes Over Turkey

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—German planes are rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatai, in south-western Turkey, by night towards Aleppo.

They were outside the range of anti-aircraft guns, the reports add.

Polish Destroyer Met Bismarck Fire

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The part played by the Polish destroyer, Piorun, in the operations against the Bismarck is described in an Admiralty communique to-night as "very gallant and efficient."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi battleship in a "most spirited manner" after being the first in the destroyer force to spot the enemy. She sustained no damage or casualties although she came under heavy fire from the Bismarck.

Portuguese Building Excellent New Port

LISBON, June 8 (Reuter).—It is announced that the new port which will be constructed at Luanda, capital of Angola, will be one of the finest along the whole African coast.

It will be built by the Anglo-Dutch Engineering and Oil Works Limited.

The mole will be 330 yards long, 180 yards wide and will accommodate ships of 33 feet draught.

LATE NEWS

MURRAY AT WHITE HOUSE—President Philip Murray of the CIO arrives at the White House for luncheon with President Roosevelt. The conference was about U.S. strikes. Murray appeared sober-faced as he left, refusing to talk.

EUGENICS LAWS FOR JAPANESE

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Effective July 1, the Welfare Ministry will publish to-day theenforcement degree and regulations of the Nation Eugenics Law, the whole of which will become operative except Article 6 dealing with compulsory sterilisation.

The National Eugenics Law, as approved by the 76th Diet Session for the increase of the Japanese race and the stamping out of hereditary disease, provides measures to prevent the propagation of those predisposed to malignant hereditary diseases such as hereditary mental disease or weakness of the mind, hereditary diathesis (constitutional predisposition), malformations or other serious disorders, under a system of voluntary sterilisation. All other operations to effect sterility are to be prohibited, while contraceptions and abortions may be effected by medical practitioners only, and then in consultation with another doctor or by authorisation of the authorities concerned.

Enquiry Committee

The decree enforcing the law provides for the establishment of a Eugenics Enquiry Committee in the central Government office and stipulates: (1) to effect sterility, only the operation prescribed by the Welfare Ministry may be employed; (2) the Eugenics Enquiry Committee, to be under the jurisdiction of the prefectural Governor of the Welfare Ministry, shall comprise 20 official and civilian experts from the Central Government office and ten from the District Office; (3) operation expenses for sterilisation as a general rule shall be met by the Government, but in exceptional cases the person himself or his parents, where able to do so, shall be required to bear all or part of the expenses, which are estimated at Yen 45 for men and Yen 95 for women.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA

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tachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus, according to the Vichy agency.

No Fighter Opposition

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters covering the Allied troops advancing into Syria encountered no opposition.

Beirut Bombed Twice

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. to-day twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

R.A.F. Support

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Fighter support for Allied troops in Syria is revealed in a special R.A.F. Middle East communique to-night.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn to-day. Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

"R.A.F. fighter aircraft intercepted and shot down a Cant 100 bombers over Alexandria this afternoon and the aircraft crashed near Agame."

Advance From Iraq

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report.

British Act Just In Time

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son, has issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country, that they would immediately be enabled to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain.

LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

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precedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."

Long Line of Attack

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—British and Free French forces are attacking Syria along a line stretching from Merj Ayoum, near the Lebanese coast, to the southern point of Djebol Druz country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

There is no continuous front but the Allies are attempting to advance in single columns at widely separated points.

The R.A.F. to-day raided Beirut, the chief port in Syria and Lebanon, setting fire to the oil dumps, according to a second communique issued by General Dentz's headquarters at Beirut.

It says: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves brilliantly along the whole line.

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles were destroyed.

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result, but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a small fire.

"Aerodromes of Mezze (near Damascus), Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused."

Importance Of British Advance

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supplies are low and her air force is in bad condition.

The British must reckon on serious opposition from Germany because the Luftwaffe is in a position to send swarms of bombers and fighters to the Iran bases which are already prepared.

Aside from the reinforcements from England, the R.A.F. has recently received shipments of American bombers and fighters which have materially strengthened their position.

It is understood from authoritative circles that the Germans for some time have been using the Syrian and Lebanon air bases for their attacks on the British fortresses in Iraq and also that air defence Germans have arrived at Aleppo. Many German "tourists" have also entered Syria.

Nazi Troops in Syria

ANKARA, June 8 (UP).—Reliable quarters to-day asserted that there are now between 5,000 and 6,000 German troops in Syria supported by 200 planes, which are said to be sufficient to retard the British-de Gaullist advance until German reinforcements arrive, which will presumably be air borne.

German-Russian Negotiations

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—While both London and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernable.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

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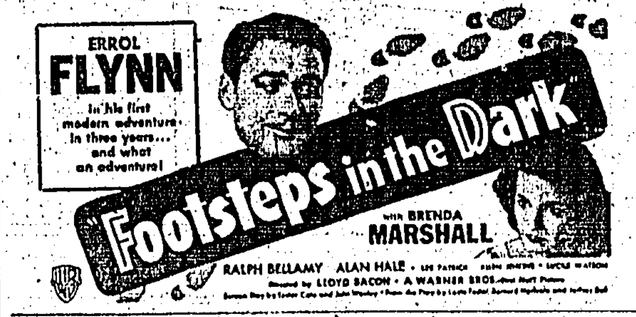

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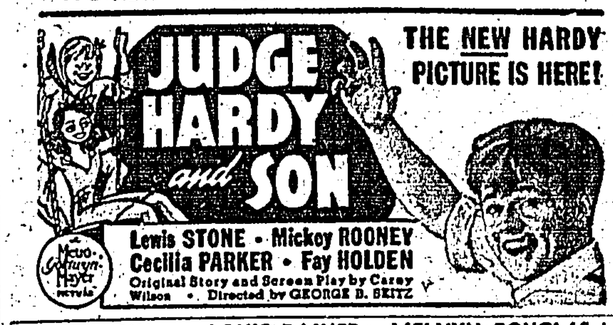

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Charges Made Against Dollar-a-Year Men

Senator Harry S. Truman disclosed recently that the U.S. Senate Defence Investigating Committee was inquiring into reports that certain dollar-a-year government officials had profited from the sale of commercial and pleasure ships to the Navy.

Senator Truman told reporters that committee agents were investigating at least three specific instances where persons connected with the national defence programme were reported to have purchased vessels and later turned them to the Navy at a "tremendous" profit.

"From the reports that have come to us," Mr Truman said, "these people were in a position to know what the Navy needed and they went out and bought it and sold it to the Navy."

Mr Truman said if the investigation bore out the charges the matter would be aired at a public hearing.

Navy's Purchases

A recent report showed that since Jan. 1, 1940, the Navy had purchased 180 commercial and pleasure vessels of all types—including 17 yachts—for conversion to military uses. Total cost of these ships was $272,540,230.

Earl Of Erroll's English Estate

The Earl of Erroll, who is alleged to have been murdered in Nairobi (Kenya) on Jan. 24, left English estate of £5,000.

His will, made in 1930, left all his property on trust for life to his second wife—who died in 1939—and then falling issue, to his brother and sister.

Racing "An Asset To The Country"

Racing was defended as a "valuable national asset" by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, speaking at York recently.

Dealing with alleged waste of feeding-stuffs involved in keeping race-horses in training, he said that if fed to hens, the 5,000 to 6,000 tons of oats consumed annually by the horses would produce one-quarter of an egg for each member of the population.

"Dogs in this country," he said, "including pet dogs, are estimated to consume the equivalent of one week's food for the whole human population. Cats drink many million gallons of milk a year, and we need milk more than we need cats."

The Earl of Harewood, a Steward of the Jockey Club, said he had received many letters, mostly abusive, telling him that the food of the country was eaten by racehorses. He thanked Mr Hudson for coming out with a policy in favour of horse-racing continuing.

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FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA AS ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCE

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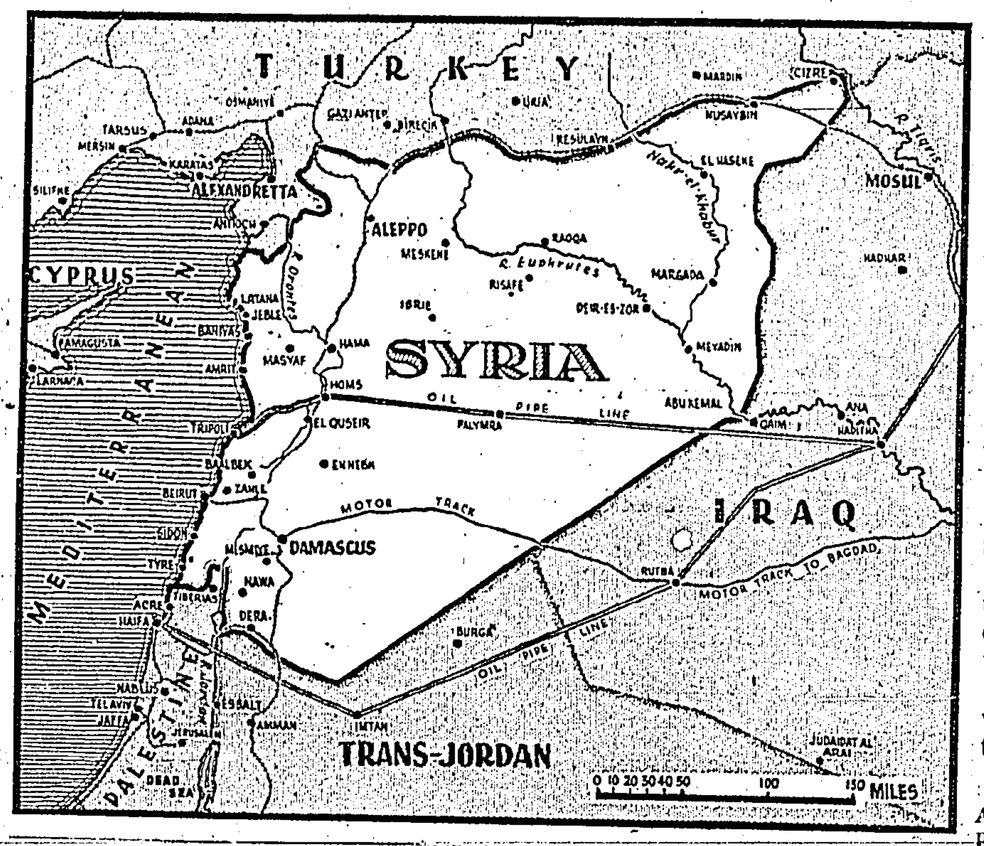
VICHY, JUNE 8 (REUTER).—FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA ARE GOING ON IN THE MOUNTAINS OF DJEBEL DRUZ JUST SOUTH OF SUWEIDA, STATE THE FIRST DISPATCHES FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE VICHY TROOPS, GENERAL DENTZ. SUWEIDA IS ABOUT 20 MILES FROM SYRIA'S FRONTIER WITH TRANS-JORDAN AND SOME 55 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DAMASCUS.

GENERAL DENTZ'S HEADQUARTERS ARE AT BEIRUT AND THE FIRST COMMUNIQUE FROM THERE ANNOUNCES THAT THE R.A.F. BOMBED THE AERODROME OF MEZZE, NEAR DAMASCUS, ON SUNDAY MORNING, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES.



British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.45 a.m., the communique states, and "contact was made with our advance posts which engaged them in accordance with the tasks assigned to them."

ADVANCING ON DJEBEL DRUZ

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Syria are advancing in the direction of Djebel Druz, according to a Vichy dispatch to the official German news agency.

Twenty-five miles inside Syria, Djebel Druz is almost due south of Damascus, the scene of General Allenbury's triumph in the last war and east of the Sea of Galilee.

FRENCH BLOCK ROADS

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The likely line of advance is the most natural one along the coast road through Sajda or Beirut.

It is known that the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well-known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission, but it is known that they have some tanks and armoured cars.

Cairo Report

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied troops have made some progress in Syria although it is not known whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French.

Authoritative circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

Southerly March

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction, according to a Vichy Government announcement quoted by the German radio.

Vichy Agency's Claim

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—"Strong motorised and armoured de-

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Leads Troops Into Syria

LIEUT-GEN. H. M. WILSON

Wilson In Charge Of Operations

Directing Allied Troops In Syria

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, General Officer Commanding in Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation in which Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French, it is learned in London to-day.

Co-operation Hoped For

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The hope of securing Arab and French co-operation in the task in Syria is expressed in a Middle East communique which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning Allied forces, under the command of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating the German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing dominating positions through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to Arab coun-

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British Act Just In Time

Darlan's Trickery Nullified

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The move by the British and Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, the French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and the administration of the Aleppo district.

The seriousness of such an action required no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of his conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the Disarmament Commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian Army, and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome.

Using 'Dromes in Transit

General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance. Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, exports and imports falling to a minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipe-line to Syria.

Economic Revival

The declarations contain a promise of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade and an opportunity to enter into relations with the sterling bloc.

There seems a good probability that Syria, disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy, will accept the proffered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country.

Lampson's Assurance

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lamp-

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Air Operations In Mid. East

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Benghazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by Axis forces, was turned into a blazing inferno by R.A.F. bombers on Friday night for the second night in succession.

Fires raging among the military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by the bombers until they could be seen 50 miles away.

Abyssinia

To-night's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which reports the raid, also refers to the attack on Derna aerodrome and Bara and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia.

R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations.

ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST & MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced to-day further blows by the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Saturday in the three-months old daylight campaign against enemy shipping from Norway to the Mediterranean.

It was already announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and that two ships were set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, it is also disclosed, bomb and machine-gun attacks were again made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in a convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships was bombed and set on fire. Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

Three Months' Record

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F.

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Fleet Leaves Gibraltar

Merchantmen Arrive

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The British aircraft carriers, Ark Royal and Furious, the battle cruiser Renown and the cruiser Sheffield, with flotillas of torpedo boats and submarines, left Gibraltar for the Mediterranean at dawn this morning, says a dispatch from Lalinea.

It is also reported from Lalinea that 10 merchant ships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar this morning.

Blitz Over Alexandria

All Night Raid With Incendiaries

ALEXANDRIA, June 8 (Reuter).—While British and Free French forces entered Syria, the Germans launched their second savage air attack on Alexandria, subjecting the city to yet another vicious all-night blitz.

Nazi squadrons swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes showered heavy explosive and incendiary bombs far and wide, causing death and destruction at several points in the city.

Considerable damage was done in European and Arab residential quarters alike, and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires Extinguished

Fires were started but they were promptly controlled.

The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst an inferno of screaming and exploding shells, the enemy seemed determined to press home the attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objectives.

The roaring of anti-aircraft gunfire died away towards dawn when

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LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

British Warships Take Part

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with tommy guns on the coast of Lebanon south of Beirut this morning was made to-night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut.

The agency asserts that the troops were "promptly taken prisoner."

Latest Position

The latest position of the fighting in Syria is given by the Vichy agency to-night. It says: "Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and Gaullist troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus. Our troops of all arms, whom this un-

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THREE SIDED ADVANCE ON SYRIA

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large-scale three-sided attack from the British-controlled territories of Palestine, Trans-Jordan and Iraq," reported the correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Martin, Agronsky, from the Ankara radio early this morning.

He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

The main British objectives, according to Agronsky's information,

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Former HK Resident Missing

A former Hongkong resident, Mr John R. Greaves, who has been serving with the Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East, is reported to be missing. He was wounded during the drive on Bardia in December last, and when last heard from was preparing to rejoin his unit after recovery.

Malta Fights Off Raiders

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—From Malta comes an official account of the raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly, dropped bombs which, caused light civilian damage and no casualties. There was no service damage or casualty.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another was so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

This morning enemy aircraft approached the coast but the raid did not materialise.

ABYSSINIA

Prisoners And Booty Captured

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique states:

"Abyssinia.—After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward. At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands.

"In addition, we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material.

"The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued.

"Iraq.—The situation remains calm.

"Libya.—In Tobruk, artillery on both sides has been active."

London Tribute To Hongkong R.N.V.R.

The Hongkong R.N.V.R. has again been mentioned in broadcasts from London. In July, 1939, it was announced in a news bulletin from London that the H.K. Naval Volunteer Force had been granted Empire status in consequence of the Colony's offer to build ships and to place them, also officers and men of the H.K.N.V.R. at the disposal of the Admiralty for general service in emergency.

Last night, listeners to an interesting talk given by Mr H. C. Ferraby, the Naval correspondent, in the series "Questions of the Hour" were told about the many units that make up what is commonly known as "The Navy"—the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Indian Navy, the New Zealand Squadron, the South African Naval Service, the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of the British Commonwealth.

The speaker, in giving pride of place in the Colonies to the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, mentioned the valuable services being rendered to the Empire by these units.

Importance of British Advance Into Syria

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—The British entry into Syria will not only serve to protect the Suez Canal, but will also provide Britain with an ideal base to counter any German attack on Cyprus or Crete, and will provide a solid protective bloc between Hitler and the Near Eastern oil fields.

Politically, it will serve to repair the damage to British prestige in the Middle East, and is particularly likely to stiffen Turkey's anti-German pressure.

It is uncertain what sort of resistance the French army in Syria will put up. Reputably, there are between 40,000 and 50,000 men there of which 15,000 are French with 500 French planes, a large number of which are obsolescent; however, morale is reported to be low and there is considerable sub-surface sentiment for General De Gaulle.

According to some reports, French

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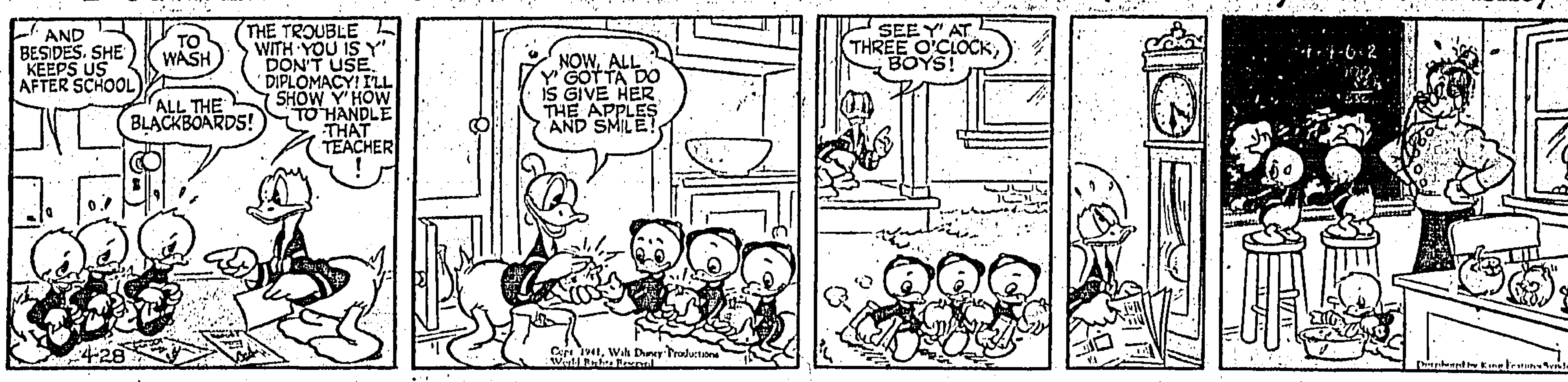

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German Planes Over Turkey

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—German planes are rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatai, in south-western Turkey, by night towards Aleppo.

They were outside the range of anti-aircraft guns, the reports add.

Mr Matsuoka Throws A Smoke Screen

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Ever since the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, received a letter from the Anti-Smoking League pleading earnestly that he should drop his pipe smoking, letters for and against smoking have been arriving from all parts of the country.

This morning Mr Matsuoka, with pipe in his mouth as usual, was glancing over some of these comments on the merits and evils of smoking when he came to a long box containing a scroll and a letter. The scroll turned out to be an ancient picture of a fierce looking beggar blowing smoke from his mouth while the letter read; "we think this is a good resemblance of you."

Mr Matsuoka thoughtfully puffed at his pipe and took a second look at the picture remarking dryly, "smoking is a habit with me now, but I think you young people should quit smoking by all means."

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson & Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. H. K. COBB,
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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 8 (Domei).—The Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure has been conferred on Professor Edward Harris, former British instructor at the Military Staff College, in recognition of his great services to education in Japan.

Professor Harris served at the Military Academy, the First Higher School, the Peers' School and the Military Staff College during his 30 years residence in Japan.

German-Russian Negotiations

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—While both London and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernible.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

MAY BE FEINT FOR EGYPT

Possible German Tactics

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—Well-informed circles here are wondering whether the German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It is pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in face of the heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before the German preparations for a Libyan attack is complete.

Turkey's Position

Turkey's own position is benefited by the withdrawal of German troops from Greece and Bulgaria, mainly to Moldavia, and military experts express the opinion that it will take the Germans at least a month to build up armies in these areas to their former strength.

Tokyo Press On Uncle Sam's Fleet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Pointing out the mounting tide of patriotism in the United States and the improved quality of American sailors, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" warns the Japanese people against underestimating the United States Navy's fighting power.

The traditional idea of most Japanese about American sailors has been that they join in the service "only to see the world" or that they are so pampered that they will make strictly third-class seamen.

Citing statistics, the paper shows that recent applications for the Naval service were more than ten times the acceptable number. Moreover, a large proportion of the enlisted men is drawn from the tough Scandinavian sea-loving stock.

Fighting Spirit

Commending the high fighting spirit shown by the American Navy throughout its history, the "Yomiuri" says that it has a noble tradition. In the study of naval strategy, the United States ranks in excellence with Germany. There is no other country where the Government and the people are so interested in the strategy of naval warfare as the United States.

Discussing the relative scarcity of higher naval officers, the paper says that the reason is because the rate of advancement is much slower than in other navies which means that the United States Navy has any number of officers among the lower ranks who are capable of taking over the duties of commanders.

How Will Cripps Go To U.K.?

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—The "Democraten's" Berlin correspondent, commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow, says that the German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London since any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

A complete silence is maintained here on the subject.

Polish Destroyer Met Bismarck Fire

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The part played by the Polish destroyer, Piorun, in the operations against the Bismarck is described in an Admiralty communique to-night as "very gallant and efficient."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi battleship in a "most spirited manner" after being the first in the destroyer force to spot the enemy. She sustained no damage or casualties although she came under heavy fire from the Bismarck.

Portuguese Building Excellent New Port

LISBON, June 8 (Reuter).—It is announced that the new port which will be constructed at Luanda, capital of Angola, will be one of the finest along the whole African coast.

It will be built by the Anglo-Dutch Engineering and Oil Works Limited.

The mole will be 330 yards long, 180 yards wide and will accommodate ships of 33 feet draught.

EUGENICS LAWS FOR JAPANESE

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Effective July 1, the Welfare Ministry will publish to-day the enforcement decree and regulations of the Nation Eugenics Law, the whole of which will become operative except Article 6 dealing with compulsory sterilisation.

The National Eugenics Law, as approved by the 76th Diet Session for the increase of the Japanese race and the stamping out of hereditary disease, provides measures to prevent the propagation of those predisposed to malignant hereditary diseases such as hereditary mental disease or weakness of the mind, hereditary diathesis (constitutional predisposition), malformations or other serious disorders, under a system of voluntary sterilisation. All other operations to effect sterility are to be prohibited, while contraceptions and abortions may be effected by medical practitioners only, and then in consultation with another doctor or by authorisation of the authorities concerned.

Enquiry Committee

The decree enforcing the law provides for the establishment of a Eugenics Enquiry Committee in the central Government office and stipulates: (1) to effect sterility, only the operation prescribed by the Welfare Ministry may be employed; (2) the Eugenics Enquiry Committee, to be under the jurisdiction of the prefectural Governor of the Welfare Ministry, shall comprise 20 official and civilian experts from the Central Government office and ten from the District Office; (3) operation expenses for sterilisation as a general rule shall be met by the Government, but in exceptional cases the person himself or his parents, where able to do so, shall be required to bear all or part of the expenses, which are estimated at Yen 45 for men and Yen 95 for women.

Bernhard In Canada

OTTAWA, June 8 (Reuter).—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has arrived unexpectedly from England for a fortnight's visit to Princess Juliana and his two daughters.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday is:

Buyers
H.K. & K. Wharves $86.50
Docks $14.60
Providents $5.10
Lands $31.50
Lights "O" $5.80
Lights "N" $1.25
Cements $13
Ropes $6.90
Watsons $9.60
Entertainments $6.25

Sellers
Electrics Rts $11.15

Sales
H.K. Govt: 3½% Loan (1934) 94.50
Realties $3
Trams $16.20
Electrics "O" X. Rts $22
Electrics Rts $11
Telephones "O" $22
Telephones "N" $8.75

VICHY LEADERS' MOVEMENTS

ZURICH, June 8 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan is returning to Paris to resume conversations with Germany, according to the Genevese newspaper, "La Suisse."

M. Laval reached Unoccupied France on Sunday. Clermond-Ferrand, near Vichy, is reported to be his eventual destination.

General Weygand has left Vichy and the French Colonial Regents in Africa are returning to their posts.

Shell Factory Destroyed

Unexplained Fire

WHEELING, West Virginia, June 8 (Reuter).—A fire has "practically destroyed" the Wheeling Machine Products Company factory, which was making shell fittings.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Sunday shift of workmen fled to safety and the flames spread rapidly through the sprawling building.

The banks of the Ohio River are on fire.

An inspector said that the plant is practically destroyed.

The Hongkong branch of the Chinese Engineers Society celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the organisation and Engineers' Day on Friday at a meeting held at No. 74, Kennedy Road.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand London	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102
T.T. India	82⅝
T.T. U.S.A.	24⅛
T.T. Manila	48¼
T.T. Batavia	45¼
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	104½
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102½
T.T. Australia	1/6½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,322½ n.
H.K. Banks £	75½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	70 n.
Chartered £	8¾ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23⅞ n.
Mercantile C £	11⅛ n.
East Asia $	71¼ n.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	220 b.
Union $	410 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H. K. Fire $	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	128 n.
Steamboats $	8 n
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/7½ n.
Waterboats $	6.55 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	87 n.
Docks $	14.60 b.
Provident $	5.10 b.
S'hai Dockyards $	25¼ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	11 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n
LANDS	
Hotels $	2.90 b.
Lands $	31½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	13.90 n.
Humphreys $	6.40 n.
H.K. Realties $	3 sa.
Chinese Estates $	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16.20 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	x.d. 7 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	x.d. 3¼ n.
Star Ferries $	51⅝ n.
Y. Ferries $	21.35 n.
China Lights (old) $	5.85 b.
China Lights (new) $	1¼ b.
H.K. Electric (old) x rts $	22 n.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	21 b.
H.K. Electrics Rts $	11.15 s.
Macao Electrics $	18.60 n.
Sandakan Lights $ x.d.	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	22. sa.
Telephones (new) $	9¼ n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	13.20 b.
H.K. Ropes $	6.90 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17 b.
Watsons $	9.60 n.
Lane Crawfords $	7¼ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1½ n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	34 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	205 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	94½ sa.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	28 n.
Entertainments $	6¼ b
Constructions (old) $	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.20 n
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/1½ n.

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is due in Hongkong shortly.

RADIO

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 "Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch & Co.

12.52 Orchestral Interlude.

"The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley, New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Film Selections.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Billy Cotton & His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Mozart—Concerto in G Major. 1st Mov: Allegro, 2nd Mov: Andante, 3rd Mov: Allegretto & Finale (Presto), Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Songs by Theodore Challapine.

The Horn (Flegier), The Old Corporal (Dargomijsky).

7.40 Tchaikowsky—Romeo & Juliet—Overture Fantasie.

Willem Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Programme & Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.05 The Andrews Sisters.

8.15 London Relay — "Quiet, Please!"—1.

Almost a riot, with Forsythe, Seamon, and Farrell, Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, Helen Hill, and Hermione Baddeley, BBC Chorus and Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell, produced by Tom Ronald.

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.

Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht), Orchestra Moscotte; When a Woman Smiles; Goodbye. Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine"), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Pierre Fresnay & Orch.; Ballroom Memories — Waltz Potpourri (arr. Robrecht), Orchestra Mascotte; Au Clair de la Lune (Lulli), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin; Over Land and Sea—Waltz Potpourri (arr. Gotz Hohne), Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Piano duets by Moreton & Kaye.

10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—6.

10.30 Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestras.

11.0 Close Down.

Bomber Fund Munificence

A munificent donation of $20,000 to the Bomber Fund was received on Saturday from Mr F. C. Hall, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. This represents Mr Hall's second donation within the first twelve months of the Fund, the same gentleman having given $15,000 when the Bomber Fund was started. A second cheque for $3,000 was also received from the Fellowship of the Bellows.

The total on Saturday reached $2,163,122.25 with the following donations:

Mr and Mrs H. S. (monthly donation)	$ 10
Mr R. W. Smith (second donation)	25
Messrs Mackintosh's, Ltd.	500
United Delivery Co., Ltd.	1,000
The Taikoo Club	40
The Allah Ditta (third donation)	10
Sale of Coat Hangers—Q.M.H.	100
V. E. Ferrier/R. S. Meadows (Cretan Evacuation Bet)	10
"Thanks"	10
Mr F. C. Hall (second donation)	20,000
Supreme Court Bomb (fifth donation)	76.70
J. B. P.	5
China Bros. Hat Mfg. Co.	500
The Fellowship of the Bellows (second donation)	3,000
Irene (fifth donation)	150
"Couldn't Resist a Burleigh"	50

The following donations were received on Saturday in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Hongkong Cricket Club	$ 10
Miss Barbara Cartwright	2
Mr & Mrs H. Overy	5
J. L. R.	10
David and Shirley Fantham	5
Miss E. R. Bliss	2

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941: Previously acknowledged, $9,068; Mr W. R. Lambert, $5; Sassoon Banking Co., Ltd, $50; the Texas Co. (China) Ltd, $50; Bank of Communications, $25; Netherlands Trading Society, $25; Mr and Mrs G. R. Ross, $10. Total $9,233.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Salvation Army in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Mr and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, $3.

Dr J. E. Dovey under the auspices of the St John Ambulance Association, will start a course on First Aid to the Injured to be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd, to-morrow (Tuesday) at 5.30 p.m.

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POST OFFICE

The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H.K. $2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H.K.$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A.".

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, June 10 .... June 17.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th June .... July 1.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Monday, June 9

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. .... June 9, 4 p.m.
Ord. .... June 9, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. .... June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... June 17, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. .... June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... June 17, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. .... July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... July 1, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. .... July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... July 1, 7 p.m.

The Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition 1941 conducted by THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

WATCH FOR COMING ANNOUNCEMENT

Library, Supreme Court

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Sunday

June 1

More Defence Regulations. Additional Defence Regulations relating to looting and kindred offences and the forcing of safeguards—any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting any premises or place—are announced in the *Government Gazette*.

They are as follows:

10A.—(1) Any person who endeavours to force a safeguard shall be liable to suffer death, or imprisonment for life, or on summary conviction, imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

(3) In this regulation the expression "safeguard" means any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting, or of preventing on controlling access to, any premises or place, or for the purpose of regulating traffic on any road, railway or inland navigation, and includes any sentry being a member of the said forces posted for any of the purposes aforesaid.

(4) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Looting Offences

34A.—(1) If in an area which has been subjected to attack by the enemy, whether by means of aircraft or otherwise, or in any area to which this regulation has been applied by order of the Governor, any person—

(a) steals any article from premises which have been damaged by war operations or vacated by reason of attack by the enemy or in consequence of any authorized directions given for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy or of protecting persons and property from the dangers involved in any such attack; or

(b) steals any article which has been left exposed or unprotected as a consequence of war operations or

(c) enters any premises, damages any property, assaults any person, or is found with any offensive weapon or house-breaking instrument, with intent to commit any offence punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for more than three years, he shall be liable to suffer death or imprisonment for life or on summary conviction imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

Areas Affected

(3) The Governor may by order direct that this regulation shall apply to any area in which, in his opinion, there is, or is likely to be special difficulty in preserving public order by reason of any measure taken for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy.

(4) In this regulation the expression "authorized directions" means any order or direction made or given in the exercise of powers conferred by these regulations or made or given by any officer of His Majesty's forces.

(5) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Death Of Mr. R. B. Brown. Though he had been unwell for some time the death of Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's butchery and shipping department, at Matilda Hospital this evening was comparatively sudden. He had been in hospital for only a day.

Mr Brown was aged 43 years. A native of Glasgow, he came to the Colony 10 years ago to join the Dairy Farm staff and his steady association with that firm, generally at the Kowloon branch, assisted in making him well-known and popular.

During a keen period of service with the Hongkong Volunteers Mr Brown was associated with the Scottish Company, the Anzac Company and finally the Pay Corps. Ill-health compelled him to resign from the last-named unit about 18 months ago. He took a lively interest in Volunteer sports. He was also a member of the Kowloon Football Club.

Hongkong Mails Lost. The Postmaster General announced that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America posted in Hongkong between February 22 and March 7, 1941, and letters superscribed "By air to U.S.A. and thence by Sea," posted between March 20 and 25, 1941 have been lost by enemy action.

Monday

June 2

Presentation. The former Immigration Officer, Mr R. A. D. Forrest, was the recipient of farewell gifts from his colleagues and friends in the Immigration Department at a tea-party held in the Department's office, Marina House. There was a large gathering of the staff present.

Mr J. H. D. Lee, Acting Immigration Officer, presided, and, in presenting Mr Forrest with a smoking set, subscribed for by his friends, expressed his regret that Mr Forrest was leaving.

Mr Chan Kwok-wing, Chief Clerk of the Department, presented Mr Forrest with an album of photographs of the staff. Mr Forrest, he said, carried away with him the best sentiments of the staff. They wished him a speedy recovery of health.

Mr Forrest, in thanking Mr Lee and Mr Chan, expressed his regret at having to leave so many friends behind—friends like Mr Chan, whom he had known for over 30 years. To have worked for 22 years in the Government service established contacts which were not easily broken. He would be making his home in Sydney, Australia, and he cordially invited any member of the staff who should be touring that country to visit him.

Mr Forrest was accorded three cheers, and shook hands with every member of the staff in farewell.

May Weather. The weather for May was generally cloudy and humid with relatively little wind, except for a two-day spell in the middle of the month, states the Royal Observatory. Although rain fell on fifteen days, which is normal for May, the total for the month was well below the average. Temperatures were normal with no large variations during the period.

A maximum temperature of 88.0°F. was recorded on the 13th and the 26th; a minimum of 68.0 on the 1st and the mean for the month was 77.3 against a normal mean of 77.1. The mean relative humidity was 87, which is 3 per cent. above the normal for May. Duration of bright sunshine was 145 hours, or 12 hours below normal. A total of 5.84 inches of rain fell during the month; 60 per cent. of this fell on the three days 14th, 21st and 25th; normal rainfall for May is 11.23 inches. A maximum wind velocity of 38 miles per hour was recorded at 7.58 a.m. on the 14th.

Funeral Of Late Mr Brown. There was a large attendance at the funeral to-day of the late Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's Butchery and Shipping Department, who died on Sunday.

Interment was at the Colonial Cemetery, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiating. The chief mourner was the widow, and amongst those present were Messrs E. Hanlon, J. O'Sullivan, C. F. Andrews, A. D. Wyllie, E. W. Coulson, E. S. Cutcher, C. J. Grover and G. Milne (pall-bearers), the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr and Mrs A. M. Holland, Mrs F. C. Allison, Mrs R. Pestonji, Messrs J. D. Thomson, W. Mair, J. Wolfe, W. Macfarlane, P. Chessex, A. B. Coleman, S. Leonard, W. Miles, Cecil Chan, Y. Birlukoff, A. Silva and C. Neves.

Floral tributes were sent by "Loving Wife Violet," "Stepmother Margaret Brown," "Johnny and Bessie," "George and Margaret," "Cissie and Ena," "Tric and Nancy," "David and Peggy," "Ella and Sam."

Mr and Mrs G. Milne, Mr and Mrs J. D. Thomson, Mr and Mrs E. W. Coulson, Mr and Mrs J. Wolfe, Mr and Mrs Cecil T. Chan, Mr and Mrs Au Lum, W. J. F. Gardner, Mr and Mrs W. Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs A. D. Wyllie, Mr and Mrs A. B. Coleman, O. Eager, Mrs F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Snr. and Mr F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Jnr. H. Nish, Mr and Mrs Mair and family, Mr and Mrs Grover, Mr and Mrs B. W. Bradbury D. L. Newbigging, Mr and Mrs M. H. Large, Mak Chan-sum, Lai Min-sun, Ng Chu, Au Cheung-yu, F. Alarakia, Mr and Mrs A. E. H. Castro, Mrs F. C. Allison, P. Chessex, Mr and Mrs W. H. Whitely, Wu Man-wai, Choy Man-kwong, Lam King-nam, Au Shiu-wing, C. T. Cheng, Mr and Mrs G. M. C. Sequeira, G. Ho, Ho Fung, G. T. White;

Directors of Dairy Farm; Butchery Dept. Lower Albert Road; Chinese Staff, Gloucester Hotel; Gloucester Hotel; Staff, Boiler Room, Gloucester Hotel; Man Cheong; Staff, Kowloon Soda Fountain, Clover Flower Shop; Hunghom Branch, Dairy Farm; Kowloon Butchery Dept., and others.

Tuesday

June 3

Sanitation in Hongkong. New charges for the removal of nightsoil were discussed by the Urban Council to-day when it was decided to recommend that the rates be $10 a year for domestic flats and $1.10 a month per pan for non-domestic flats, payment to be made annually, half way through the period to which it applied.

Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman, presided, assisted by the Vice-Chairmann, Dr N. C. MacLeod, Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr F. C. Hall, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr A. el Arculli, Dr S. N. Chau, Mr B. Wong Tape, Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Dr A. M. Rodrigues, Mr M. W. Lo, Mr C. J. Roe (Secretary), Mr Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

Mr Lo suggested that the rates be $12 and that the landlord should collect from his tenants each month.

Mr Hall, Mr Bellamy and Mr Arculli were in favour of $8 or $10 and Mr North suggested that charge should not be more than the old one. He was in favour of an $8 to $10 basis.

Mr Carrie said he could not give a guarantee that $8 would completely cover the clearing charges, but he felt it would just about do so.

Dr MacLeod moved that the Council, if satisfied there were buildings in the urban areas without sufficient and proper latrine accommodation, thereby endangering the health of the community, the owners of such buildings being liable to legal proceedings if they failed to comply with the requirements of the Council within six months of receipt of a written notice, should enforce Section 39 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance. He said:

Houses Without Latrines

Recent surveys have revealed we have about 65,000 dry latrines of which 50,000 consist of nothing more than a wooden bucket in the kitchen. There are in addition many floors used for domestic purposes which lack even this primitive and dangerous form of sanitary arrangements, the theory being, wrongly I consider, that the occupants' requirements are met by public latrines which may be several hundred yards away.

The immediate results of the lack of latrines can be seen in sewage discharging from kitchen waste water pipes, in choked and foul smelling drains and in parcels of nightsoil wrapped in newspapers being dropped from windows into the streets.

Motion Opposed

Opposing the motion Mr Wong Tape said:

On principle I do not think any member of this Council can oppose a measure providing for proper latrine accommodation; such a measure must be our goal.

However, I venture to express the opinion, that from a practical standpoint, wholesale or large scale embarkation on structural alterations to buildings at this juncture, involving the use of large quantities of cement and labour, which would be more effectively put to uses in connection with defence, is undesirable.

Moreover, the cost of materals is unusually high, and it is doubtful whether it is good policy to compel owners of property to effect improvements when there is a scarcity of materials.

Mr Lo said that while not disapproving of the suggestion he did not think the time was opportune to spend money for latrine accommodation, as he understood that about 18,000 old houses required to be altered.

It was decided that Dr MacLeod's motion be referred to a Select Committee.

League Tennis. At Sookunpoo today Kowloon beat Army 5½-3½ in the division of the tennis league.

Col Newnham and Capt Guest lost to A.E.P. Guest and F. Grose, 3-0; beat R. T. Broadbridge and F. Zimmern 6-4; drew with F. Kengelbacker and N.A.E. Mackay, 6-6.

Lt Pearce and S/Sgt Duffield lost to Guest and Gross 4-0; beat Zimmern and Broadbridge 6-4; beat Kengelbacker and Mackay 6-4.

CIVIL SERVICE V. S. CHINA

At Happy Valley, South China beat Civil Service 9-0.

J. A. Bendall and Mr Yatskin lost to S. Y. Lee and H. C. Wong 0-6; lost to W. H. Ho and P. Szeto 2-6; lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh 1-6.

B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner lost to Lee and Wong 5-7; lost to Ho and Szeto 5-7; lost to Lee and Hoh 2-6.

C. Sloan and J. Hempsey lost to Lee and Wong 1-6; lost to Ho and Szeto 2-6; lost to Lee and Hoh 0-6.

CHINESE V. K. TONG

At home, Kowloon Tong lost to Chinese 7½-1½.

F. H. Kwok and P. E. Ling lost to B. C. Luk and T. C. Chan 3-0; lost to K. L. Ho and O. L. Pang 4-0; beat S. W. Liang and P. S. Choy 0-1.

H. T. Bee and Kho lost to Luk and Chan 2-0; lost to Ho and Pang 4-0; lost to Liang and Choy 2-0.

E. Lee and C. T. Mo drew with Luk and Chan 0-0; lost to Ho and Pang 3-0; lost to Liang and Choy 2-0.

Fanling Golf. "The Royal Scots Trophy" of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the B.W.O.F., played at Fanling in April and May, resulted as follows:

J. H. C. Highet (16) and H. Overy (18), were two up and tie and will play off.

G. M. Park (5), T. Megarry (8) and E. L. Evelle (18) were 1 up. Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (15), T. A. Pearce (3) Lt-Col. E. D. Matthews (16), J. Harrop (14) and A. H. Penn (15) were all square. There were 260 entries at $1 a card.

Junior Championship

In the Junior Section Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Happy Valley, W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell, W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown, J. Young beat D. W. Beeken, and H. Smith beat T. B. Low. In the first round.

In the second round, T. C. Barclay beat F. C. Barry, Buller beat Ahern, Smith beat Young and G. E. Willerton beat J. Wald.

Fanling Bogey Pool

Playing in the Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling on May 31 and June 2, A. W. Bourne, Jr., (9) was 1 up. There were 10 entries.

Review Of The Principal Topics June 1 To June 7

Wednesday

June 4

Govt House Collapse. Two pillars of the verandah immediately below the bedroom of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, at Government House, suddenly gave way one after the other shortly after 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday. Fortunately, there were no casualties, though the damage was considerable.

The pillars were in the centre of the ground floor verandah on the north side of the building, facing the harbour, and stood on each side of the main steps leading to the lawn. The lintel slab and some masonry from the upper verandah fell on to the steps below. One or two more pillars seemed to have become dangerous.

It was learned from the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, to-day that in all probability at least a portion of both the ground floor and upper floor verandah would have to be removed—perhaps the whole of it.

As a result of the collapse, the building is considered unsafe, and His Excellency the Governor has been advised to find alternative sleeping accommodation. As a matter of fact, His Excellency spent Tuesday night at Flagstaff House where, it is understood, he is temporarily residing. This, however, does not mean that the whole of Government House will be vacated, for the staff will remain and probably sleep in the ball-room, which is not affected.

In the meantime, the portion of the verandah which is undamaged is being shored up, and every effort is being made to see if the building can be rendered safe.

It will be recalled that Government House developed numerous cracks as a result of the A.R.P. tunnelling operations, and so serious has been the damage that at one time His Excellency contemplated moving to Admiralty House. Since then, however, the repairs effected were considered to have made the building sufficiently safe for His Excellency to remain, until the sudden collapse on Tuesday.

Naval House Suffers

Tunnelling operations in the hillside of Mount Parish, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, have affected the Naval Surgeons' quarters situated just above the tunnels. It is learned that cracks have been caused, but examination shows that the damage is not serious.

Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, stated yesterday that such damage was only to be expected, and had actually occurred in many cases to buildings where tunnelling operations were being carried out.

League Tennis. Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½ in the C. Division of the tennis league to-day.

Emberton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 0-0; beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

CRAIGENGOWER V. INDIANS

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wai-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail 6-0.

Geo Lai and Y. L. Pao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

VARSITY V. K.I.T.C.

At Pokfulam, Kowloon Indians beat University, 5½-3½.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu, 6-1, beat S. L. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0; beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sepher beat Cheah and Liu 6-3, beat Yong and Hui 6-2, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

M. Ramzan and J. Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6, lost to Yong and Hui 3-6, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

Cricketer On Leave. Harry Owen-Hughes, the well-known cricketer, has left for Australia on furlough. He is expected to be away for six months.

Also going to Australia is W. L. Rapley, K.C.C. cricketer.

Thursday

June 5

Colony's Economic War Effort. An Official statement on the Colony's proposed economic war effort has been issued, dealing with the intention to reduce consumption of imported goods while increasing local production.

The Economic War Effort Advisory Committee which is to report to Government on various questions of economic and financial policy in relation to wartime needs has been constituted as follows:

Chairman, Mr D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Committee, Professor R. Robertson, M.A., Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Walker, M.C., Messrs D. Kelvin-Stark, M. F. Key, O.B.E., P. C. M. Sedgwick, K. S. Morrison, D. C. Edmonston, A. H. Penn, Ng Chuk-wa, S. M. Churn, R. E. Hensman (acting for Mr C. Rogers), and W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The Committee's term of reference are to consider and advise as to how the Colony's contribution to the economic war effort can best be made, with particular reference to:

(a) The reduction of the consumption of imported goods without permanent injury to the entrepot trade or to post-war British trading interests, and the conservation of shipping space, e.g. by rationing;

(b) The increase of local production—(i) of goods for local consumption, and (ii) of goods required by His Majesty's Government for war purposes;

(c) The collection and diversion into the most useful channels of any savings thus effected.

Far removed as the Colony is from the theatres of war, the need for economic sacrifices of supplies may not be obvious, although the fundamental reasons which have dictated limits of personal consumption in the United Kingdom are nevertheless operative in Hongkong.

Entrepot Trade Problem

The existence of Hongkong's entrepot trade presents a difficult problem, but measures are being discussed to reduce importation and consumption of non-essential goods, particularly by those classes of the community which enjoy a relatively high standard of life.

There can be no doubt that every time an individual refrains from making a purchase of imported goods, or locally produced goods whose production depends to any material extent on imported materials, the war effort is directly benefited. In particular, shipping and productive capacity is saved, and, in many cases, foreign exchange. Even where it may seem that there is plenty of shipping space for inward freight to Hongkong it must be remembered that saving of time in loading at docks is important, and that many manufactured articles imported are made from raw materials which have to be transported by sea.

The various problems confronting the Advisory Committee will be found difficult of solution, and the wholehearted co-operation of the general public is cordially invited. Any suggestions relating to a vigorous and successful prosecution of the war effort should be addressed to W. T. Lewis, Secretary, Economic War Effort Advisory Committee, the University, Hongkong.

Mr Herridge Passes. A familiar figure in Hongkong for many years, Mr Frank Gordon Herridge died at the War Memorial Nursing Home to-day after a short illness. He was 50 years of age.

Born in Bradford, Mr. Herridge was a textile expert who came to Hongkong just before the last war to join W. R. Loxley and Co. (China) Ltd. of which company he had been secretary for several years.

Mr Herridge was among the oldest members of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Joining in 1914 he was a member of the cricket and tennis teams and in 1922-3 was captain of the second eleven. He served on the committee for several years and for four years was honorary treasurer.

Mr Herridge leaves a widow and a son and daughter in England. His son was on the London staff of the Mercantile Bank but joined the Army shortly after the war began.

Cost Of Evacuation. The cost of the Evacuation of women and children from Hongkong to Australia will be borne by the Imperial Government, a reporter was informed this afternoon by the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, who was interviewed on the question.

The Colonial Secretary said that the Hongkong Government had during 1940 made cash gifts amounting to £400,000 to the Imperial Government, and it was reliably understood that the money was to be used for anything the Imperial Government chose to do with it. In this instance it was quite probable that the Imperial Government would devote a certain part of this gift towards cost of the evacuation.

The gifts to the Home Government were made up of two seperate cash gifts of £100,000 and a profit of £200,000 on the Exchange Fund. The Imperial Government have made it plain that they will bear the cost of the evacuation covering ships, passages and any sustenance of those evacuees who were unable to provide for themselves.

Any refunds by husbands in Hongkong will be credited to the Imperial Government, who make the net allowance.

Hon. Mr N. L. Smith said that there were no further developments regarding the evacuation.

Friday

June 6

Interest Tax Explained. An explanation as to how the proposed Interest Tax, something new in Hongkong, will work was given by Mr A. G. Clarke, Commissioner of the War Taxation Department, at a Press Conference to-day.

The Interest Tax bill has not yet been before the Legislative Council and this information, obtained from the War Taxation Department, is given solely in an attempt to help the public.

Following are the particulars of the tax.

1.—It is payable by any person (including a partnership, body of persons or corporation) who borrows money (a) on a mortgage, bill of sale, or debenture and (b) for the purpose of his trade, profession or business and who pays interest on the loan.

2.—The tax at the rate say, of 14 per cent. on the interest paid, and is payable to the Commissioner of War Taxation at the same time as the interest is paid.

How To Pay Tax

For example, if you, as a borrower, have to pay a sum of $100 as interest, you must not pay the full amount to your creditor; you should pay him only $86, and you must pay the balance of $14 at once to the Commissioner of War Taxation. If you forget about Interest Tax, and pay the full amount of $100, you will still have to pay the tax of $14 to the Commissioner, but in this case you may recover this sum from your creditor.

3.—Your creditor has no claim against you for not receiving his full interest, but if he asks you must give him an account of the deduction you have made in the form of a certificate which you can obtain from the War Taxation Department on application.

4.—Interest paid to a limited liability company or to any approved bank is not subject to Interest Tax, and therefore any person who borrows only from a limited liability company or an approved bank is not affected by this tax. A list of approved banks will be published and will be obtainable from the War Taxation Deparment.

Private Loans

5.—Anyone in doubt about this tax should apply for advice to the War Taxation Department.

Mr Clarke explained that the idea was that "we don't want to bother about loans between private people,"—for instance lending without security and as a personal favour. But, if, for instance, a person wanted to buy a lorry and had not the money for it and so borrowed $1,000, that money would not be given without a security. A bill of sale would be given and this would be registered in the Supreme Court. The interest on that bill would be taxed and the borrower must pay that tax to the Department from the interest.

No Undue Inquiry

It was further said that the whole idea was that there would be no need to inquire into loans. It was really to suit the Chinese method of business. The Taxation Department would not need to bother about who was lending the money at all. The whole system was worked out so as to avoid going into our peoples' business.

Referring to the tax not affecting interest paid to a limited liability company or to an approved bank, it was pointed out that the company would be subject to Profits Tax.

With regard to how this proposed tax would affect money lenders, it was pointed out that money lenders would come in under the system of Profits Tax.

Mr Clarke stated that any person wanting further information concerning this Interest Tax could obtain it from the War Department and a staff is being organised to deal with such inquiries.

Miss Lindsell Weds. A wedding of wide interest in Hongkong, Manila, and Bagulo took place in the Presbyterian Church of Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Federated Malay States, on May 20, when Miss Helen Lindsell became the bride of Mr Douglas Strachan.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr R. E. Lindsell, former Puisne Judge of Hongkong, and Mrs Lindsell, and went to the Philippines last July when British women and children were being evacuated from the Colony. She went up to Bagulo, where she met Mr Strachan, who is mine superintendent for the Big Wedge Mining Company. Miss Lindsell left the Philippines last December to visit her mother in Durban, South Africa. Returning to be married, she stopped to visit friends in Kuala Lumpur, where she was met by Mr Strachan.

The newlyweds arrived in Manila last week on the California Clipper from Singapore and went up to Bagulo, where they will make their home at Big Wedge. Mr Strachan, who is from Oakland, California, went to the Islands five years ago and is well known in mining circles there.

Cost Of Living. There was a slight increase in the cost of living for May, the figure being $2.39 as against $2.32 in April and $2.35 in March.

These figures, which were obtained from the Labour officer, Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, are based on the prices of rice, firewood and ground-nut oil.

The increase in the cost of living last month is attributed to the rise in the price of rice, which jumped from $2.72 for 20 catties in April to $2.86 in May. The figure for March was $2.63.

The price of firewood showed a slight drop, the figure being 44 cents for 20 catties compared with 50 cents in April and 80 cents in March, while that of oil remained at 33 cents per catty during the three months.

Anti-T. B. Association. Approval of the action taken by the Director of Medical Services in bringing the first prosecution in the anti-spitting campaign was given at a meeting of the Council of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association to-day.

Suggestions for bringing the campaign to the notice of the public were made, and one by Dr F. L. Tseung that the co-operation of the broadcasting authorities be sought, was adopted.

It was reported by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee that the Association had approximately $24,000 in hand for the proposed sanatorium. The need for further funds was stressed, and the hope that a generous philanthropist would come forward was expressed.

Saturday

June 7

"Tom" Hayward Passes. The death occurred in Rangoon on Friday of A. W. "Tom" Hayward, of Messrs Dodwell and Company, and former Hongkong and Shanghai Interport cricketer. The late Mr Hayward suffered a severe attack of Dysentery three weeks ago, and although he showed signs of recovery at one time, news was received by Messrs Dodwell and Co. that a turn for the worse had occurred, and his condition was considered critical during the days preceding his death. Mr A. C. I. Bowker was sent to Rangoon to relieve him.

Forty-six years of age, Mr Hayward spent many years in the Far East. After serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, in the last war, he came out to Shanghai, where he was prominent in cricket and was also associated with the Machine Gun Company, Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps. He came to Hongkong in 1926, and joined Messrs Alex Ross & Co.; later joining the staff of Messrs Dodwell & Co., as manager of their Motor Department. The opening of the Burma Road saw Mr Hayward transferred to Rangoon in 1938 where he also managed the Motor Department of Dodwell's.

A splendid cricketer, Tom Hayward played regularly for the Shanghai Cricket Club and later for the Hongkong Cricket Club. He made his Interport cricket debut in 1922 when he played for Shanghai at Hongkong. He commenced his Hongkong Interport career in 1926 against Shanghai, and played in the years 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1935 and once against Malaya in 1927.

The late Mr Hayward was a member of the Hongkong Club, the Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong Football Club and Hongkong Jockey Club. He leaves a widow and two sons, all of whom are at present in England.

Lawn Bowls. A full programme of Lawn Bowls League games played today provided several surprises and also resulted in records being broken. Kowloon Bowling Green Club are now leaders of the Third Division by virtue of a win over Hongkong Electric.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered their first win by accounting for Recreio "B" and in another game, Recreio spoiled the 100 per cent. winning record of Kowloon Football Club. Hongkong Cricket Club recorded their first victory when they beat Taikoo in a Third Division game, and Recreio completed a well-deserved "double" against Kowloon F.C.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by Kowloon Bowling Green's Third Division rink comprising J. S. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis and each will receive a bottle of John Haig whiskey from Messrs Gande Price & Co., Ltd. This rink also set a new aggregate record of 40 shots.

A seven was registered by A. J. Coelho's rink and sixes were recorded by C. Strange, A. Brooksbank, J. C. Aitken. J. Shepherd equalled two records by scoring 33 shots and winning by 21 shots. C. C. Pereira set a new record of nine successive winning tallies, equalled the record of 17 shots as the result of successive ends, and established a new record of scoring on 16 ends. R. F. Lux had a total of 18 winning tallies to set a new record for the Division.

J. Macdonald broke the Third Division record of winning tallies at consecutive ends with 15, and his total of 17 winning ends equalled the record.

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And talking about death penalties, Hongkong would be a happier place if a few of our racketeers could be shot right now.

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The Puisne Judge condemns the system of trading by signing chits for purchases. There is, of course, a law against getting booze that way: but, when you trade with a department store on a monthly basis, what is a chit?

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A correspondent sneers at the "save shipping space" plea, because 49 "non-essential" race ponies have arrived. He doesn't seem to realise how essential a bit of horse can be. How could you make a Hereford earn his keep here?

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In order to conserve womanpower for nursing, the Australian Government will not allow Australian women to leave the country. Down there, of course, their standard of living is so high that it requires two nurses for every man.

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Two pillars of Government House have collapsed. There is no truth in the report that two Australian guests have been visiting.

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A correspondent thinks that a child born in tax payment year should be allowed for that year. But why not allow for it the year before?

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Water-works coolie fined $5 for spitting—and a correspondent thinks it's too severe. Well, it's only about the cost of two pocket handkerchiefs.

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It seems that houses mustn't be provided with decent sanitary conveniences because all the cement and labour might be needed for defence. Just as all the bull might be needed for excuses.

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Servicemen are visiting the Police Court to get some education about the procedure. But wouldn't it be more helpful to make them unofficial Justices of the Peace? Then they could go visiting everywhere.

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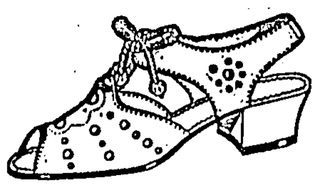

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DEATH

BULLOCK.—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Tomlin, at the War Memorial Hospital on June 8, 1941. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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ENTRY INTO SYRIA

Impelled by motives whose urgency no one can question, Britain has acted with Free French troops against French-mandated Syria, revealing another extraordinary turn of events in a war which began with Britain and France close Allies.

America who would like to see us taking the initiative, and Turkey who would like to see next her southern border any other Power but the Axis, will no doubt welcome the British action. The reactions of the heterogeneous population of Syria and the Levant are awaited with some anxiety on our part; their reception of General Catroux' proclamation will decide whether the Allies will have an easy tenure of the country—with garrison forces against possible parachutist attack—or whether they will have to combat the Arabs as well as the French.

However, the latter contingency seems improbable and the Allies may also expect that the French who have stayed with General Dentz will not have their hearts in a fight against countrymen whom they must know are enrolled in a worthier cause.

The attack on Syria is not likely to lead to a general conflict between the British and French nations. Admiral Darlan has repeatedly asserted that French possessions, including Syria, will be protected against Britain or any other Power but he has never gone further. It would avail France nothing to declare against Britain and forfeit for ever the goodwill of America to save a territory that she should have given up two years ago and which she could now only pass on to her mortal enemy, the Germans.

A pamphlet raid over Unoccupied France would serve to put the issues squarely before the French people who could never tolerate the abject and dishonourable dealings of the Vichy Government if they were fully informed of events; certainly they would never bear arms against Britain. For that matter, it is certain that Hitler would not sleep nights knowing that French armies were on the continent.

It is important for Britain, while prosecuting her aim in Syria with absolute firmness, to avoid untoward friction with the French people—as it is equally important to them that they should not cut themselves irrevocably from us. France and Britain will always be neighbours; once again, it is to be hoped, they will be friends.

As for the Arab people on whom the war is now thrust, they are promised the independence for which they have always yearned. The events of Iraq will serve as a useful object lesson to them. A usurper attempted a coup for the Axis, broke the treaties with Britain and was displaced and the former Regent re-installed with the minimum of violence by British troops who were, as subsequent events proved, interpreting the wishes of all peoples and officials except Rashid Ali's immediate following. The prompt and successful British action—especially the re-installation of the Regent—may have impressed the Moslem world favourably.

It is another strange chance of destiny in a war that has brought subjugation to so many countries that here, in the Middle East, a new and independent kingdom can be created by British hands.

Bombs and Bombees

By Phillida Hughes

Phillida Hughes is the wife of the "Sunday Express'" famous humorist, Nathaniel Gubbins, whose weekly column "Sitting on the Fence" is a national asset. Miss Hughes' sense of humour is equal to her husband's and, like his, probably developed while she was working in a newspaper office as a serious-minded reporter.

In those days she wrote about fashions and other topics which the Editor considered were suitable for his women readers. To relieve her feelings Miss Hughes occasionally added pungent comments in pencil on the margin of her copy—comments which the sub-editors joyfully read and reluctantly blue-pencilled.

When she finally turned her back on Fleet Street, she began writing such amusing sketches as the series: "A Lady of No Leisure." But whereas Nat Gubbins likes to work in peace and quiet, Miss Hughes can turn out a witty article in the midst of a heated family argument.

FOR FIVE MONTHS MY HOME has become a green pasture for those friends and neighbours who have been bombed out of theirs. And I am beginning to think that Bombees are much worse than bombs.

I dislike other people's luggage—their sponge bags in the bathroom, and most of all their dogs, kept on leads in the drawing room, hating us and trying to get sly nips at our legs in the black-out. And I hate other people's combings in my hair brush.

I am tired of people who are always cold, the rubbing of shins, the banging of arms. Air raids have an immediate effect on the circulation. I hate their more intimate belongings in my bedroom, mules with fluffy ostrich feather trimming, and the prolonged and exhausting goodnights and hope you sleep wells. I hate their "Oh it's so kind", their "Oh! *more*" and "Well just a teeny weeny potato, then."

I hate the way they sit on the edge of the chair and won't presume to lie back comfortably. (Lounge, fool, lounge! You're tired. You've had a ceiling come down on your head, we understand.) I hate their constant "Is there anything I can do to help you?" (Yes. "Are we putting you to any trouble?" There's clean linen to be got out for your beds. The maid's stony expression to be softened. The rationed goods to be fetched from the grocer's. The butcher cajoled. Three hearty meals to be cooked for you each day, and the vegetables brought in from the gardens. When are you going to begin, pets?)

Most of all I hate them for being pathetic and making me so damn sorry for them.

Violet, the maid of all work, starts to shiver, and announces a cold. Violet is always too hot in summer, too cold in winter. Sweating and mopping all August. Shivering and flogging her arms all December. And her feet, which are just a pair of barometers, trouble her all the year round. Why do female feet behave in this curious way? Even gardeners, who grumble at everything, rarely mention their feet, and who ever heard of a postman collapsing in the hall and crying "Well, I never thought I'd be able to deliver your bills and circulars this morning. Me poor feet!"

But even one extra guest can cripple Violet for a week. "We're in for a wet spell," says Violet. "I know by me feet." Or "We're going to have a heat wave, you mark my words: me feet have begun to swell."

Pity Violet can't offer services of her feet to the Government for weather reports. Cultured English voice on radio: "A depression is moving eastwards and, according to Violet's feet, which have now begun to swell. . . ."

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THE EVENING BLITZ STARTS, the sirens wail, and we practically hurl our refugees on their tummies when a noise like the inrushing tide sweeps overhead and racedes. At the first "Look out!" every hand goes out for her own belongings—dear Papa's silver spoons are clutched to a breast; a clock (it was a presentation to dear Papa) is snatched from the mantelpiece, and the dogs get blast-proof cotton wool bonnets tied under their chins.

Then an orgy of tea making. "*So* refreshing!" (Yes, isn't it? Do you care for a little arsenic in yours?)

Then good-nights and hot water bottles, and a blanket off my bed and on to yours. And the thought that it may be us tonight, and to-morrow we'll be round at the Smith's or the Robinson's with our sponge bags and our pets, rubbing our shins, clutching Mother's rosary or baby's first shoe.

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Violet and I are amazed at the curious mental and physical condition which is the result of being bombed out of one's home. Hands that are accustomed to wield mops and dusters can only rub legs, or lift tea cups to lips, or draw chairs nearer to the fire after they have been with us several weeks. Heads that have run houses for years with a fair amount of competence are incapable of answering the phone in mine: (Oh, you answer it! I hate the thing. Never can make myself understood), or of laying a table: ("Where do I put the cruets? What shall I do with these knives?" I could tell you what to do with them, my sweet, but I won't.) A dithering procession from lounge to kitchen each holding one plate or one cup and saucer, which is placed gingerly on the nearest piece of furniture, is known as "clearing away the tea for you". Violet tells me several times a day that all this is going to Break Up My Home. Violet has seen it happen so often and "don't want it to happen" to me.

My pet Bombee, who never moves from the chair nearest the fire, talks like the information gratuitously given in pocket diaries that no one ever reads. She knows all the phases of the moon by heart—"Moon's up tonight at 9.8. That means they'll be over early. Let me see, it'll be half-moon Saturday week, and full moon for Christmas. . . ."

Shall I ever have my home to myself? Shall I ever know divine solitude, leisure and silence again? Night after night I keep my pet Bombee company by the fire, while the others are washing their hair, combing their dogs, polishing dear Papa's spoons. No one has hinted yet at a move.

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Conversation between self and pet Bombee:—

"Was that the siren?"
"No. Your dog wheeing."
"Ooh! They'll be over early to-night, the devils."
"Pa'raps they won't."
"But it's a full moon."
"Let 'em come!"
"I think I'll go upstairs and pay a little visit while it's quiet."
"I should."
"Yes. Will it be alright for me to go upstairs?"
"Quite."
"You know what I mean, don't you? Just to pay a little visit to. . . ."
"I know."

Pause

"Ooh, there's one overhead now."
"I don't hear it."
"Oh don't you? It's going like this" (painful imitation of a droning Dornier.)
"Um. . . um."
"The Devils!"
"Um. . . um."
"Can I draw my chair a little nearer to the fire?"
"Of course."
"That was a bomb."
"I thought it was one of our guns."
"No, it was a bomb, and near, too."
"Go on."
"Do you think I could have a glass of water?"
"I should think so."
"Oh, shall I get it then?"
"Do you mind?"
"Where do I get it?"
"From the kitchen."
"Oh, will it be all right then if I go into your kitchen to get it?"
"Quite all right."
"I think I'll just go upstairs again."
"Um. . . um."
"To pay a little visit, I mean."
"I know."

Later

"Could I put a little piece of coal on your fire?"
"Chuck a log on."
"Oh, will it be all right if I do that?"
"Of course. Quieter now, isn't it?"
"Oh, that's only a lull. I know. The devils."
"Well, I'm all for lulls."
"Ooh, that was near!"
"No. Miles away."
"Devils!"
"Um."
"I think I'll go upstairs. . ."
"I say, what's matter with your tummy?"
"It's those devils!"

Later

"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Are you all right?"
"Rather!"
"Are you *sure* you're all right?"
"Quite sure."
"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."

Next morning

"How are you?"
"All right."
"Are you sure you're all right?"
"Rather!"
"Dreadful night, wasn't it?"
"Lousy."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."
"Well, I think I'll just go upstairs to pay a little visit. May I?"

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Look out! Here comes another.

Devils, aren't they?

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"The neighbours are accusing us of ruthless aggression, so stop snatching apples from Nick the Greek's fruit stand till this Balkan situation clears up!"

CONTRACT BRIDGE — How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Good Distribution Is Not Enough

IT is quite natural and proper to attach great importance to the distribution of one's hand and to give great consideration to how well, or how badly, it fits with partner's bids. Even so, high cards can rarely be ignored; only under the most extraordinary circumstances can the opponents' aces and kings be "put to sleep."

North, in to-day's hand, took entirely too much action on his two kings and a queen.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 9 7 6 4 ♡ — ◇ K J 7 — ♣ Q J 10 5 4	
♠ Q ♡ K 8 5 ◇ A Q 10 8 ♣ 7 6	N W E S	♠ A J 5 2 ♡ J 9 7 3 ◇ 9 6 5 ♣ 9
	♠ 10 8 3 ♡ A Q 10 6 4 ◇ — ♣ A K 8 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	2 ◇	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's jump to six clubs is the bid that I wish to bring under scrutiny. Since North's honour-trick holding was comparatively meagre, only one and one-half plus, it is obvious that he must have been greatly impressed by the distribution of his hand. It is difficult to see why he should have been. His club support was, of course, excellent, but surely he had no right to assume that there would be only one loser outside. To credit South with such spade strength that there would be no need of losing a spade trick was outrageously optimistic. And, since South had not cue-bid the opponents' diamond suit, how could North know that there would be no diamond loser? As a matter of fact, North should not have ventured to even five clubs, let alone six; he should have been quite content with the four spade contract.

After East's double of six clubs, West opened the spade queen and, whether declarer covered or not, he was doomed to go down two tricks. To cover would permit a third round spade ruff; to refuse to cover would give the enemy three natural spade tricks. Four spades easily could have been made.

To-morrow's Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 6 ♡ J 10 8 ◇ Q 7 6 4 ♣ A K Q 2	
♠ J 9 7 2 ♡ A 9 6 5 ◇ 2 ♣ 7 4 3	N W E S	♠ 10 5 4 2 ♡ 4 3 ◇ J 8 5 3 ♣ 8 6 5
	♠ A Q 8 ♡ K Q 7 ◇ A K 10 9 ♣ J 10 9	

How should this hand be defended against South's six diamond contract?

JUDGE AND CAPTAIN CUNNINGHAM-REID

"Not Penniless Adventurer"

Mr Justice Langton, in the Divorce Court, gave his decision in the motion brought by Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for Marylebone, to vary a Registrar's report dealing with his application to change certain settlements.

The judge directed that the Registrar's report should be upheld with one difference—that Capt. Cunningham-Reid's former wife should make an appointment of one-third of her income as between the two children.

The matter arose out of a divorce granted to Capt. Cunningham-Reid. The application to the Registrar had been made to deal with the detrimental effect which the dissolution of the marriage, he alleged, had had upon his marriage settlement and the future provision for the two childen.

Mr Justice Langton referred to the marriage of Capt. Cunningham-Reid "to a lady of immense fortune." It was obvious that the position of a man of very much less fortune married to a wife of such tremendous means could easily put him in an unheroic role, he said.

"Indeed," continued the judge, "I believe it is a almost a claim of fiction that when a hesitating hero is confronted with the terrible prospect of marrying a beautiful millionairess—so far as my recollection of early romances goes—the hero generally did, though always protesting he would not, marry the beautiful and well-endowed lady in the end.

"So there may be in these circumstances precedent for saying the unheroic role was not the only one in which these romances were cast."

Under the terms of settlement of litigation in 1938 the wife had sole charge of the younger child and the husband charge of the elder son. Capt. Cunningham-Reid's case was that owing to his wife's action and misconduct he took the natural and proper course of applying for the custody of the younger child as well.

Children's Education

That meant that he was now saddled with the expense and education of both children. In addition, he was no longer the husband of his immensely wealthy wife and could not succeed under the antenuptial settlement to the reversion of £3,000 a year in the event of the wife's death.

By one of the post-nuptial settlements, Capt. Cunningham-Reid received—and still received—£5,000 a year free of tax. By the other deed Sir Felix Cassel was appointed trustee to deal with another £5,000 a year free of tax—both sums being taken from the income of the wife.

Under the latter trust there were four possible beneficiaries—Capt. Cunningham-Reid, each of the children and the former wife. Sir Felix had said he regarded the trust in the light that Capt. Cunningham-Reid was intended to be the primary beneficiary.

The suggestions put forward by Mr Beyfus, for Capt. Cunningham-Reid, were that the court could recompense Capt. Cunningham-Reid for his loss by taking the Sir Felix Cassel fund and taking it out of the power of Sir Felix to deal with it by apportioning £3,000 a year to Capt. Cunningham-Reid and £1,000 a year each to the children.

The proposal was not an unattractive one, but it left many important factors out of account.

Changed Positions

The positions of the parties had immensely changed. The position of the former wife had been much more seriously affected than that of any of the others owing to the immense increase in surtax and income-tax, which had made what at one time looked like an immense fortune appear to be a very moderate income judged by the standard of only a few years ago.

On his own showing, too, Capt. Cunningham-Reid was not a penniless adventurer.

"He will forgive me for saying that in the witness-box, to which he was most ready to go and in which he showed no desire to perplex me, he was singularly unable really to explain his own financial affairs," said Mr Justice Langton.

"He is simply a gentleman not accustomed to dealing with the more intricate side of financial matters. This much has emerged—that he has a present income of some £3,000 a year. That, it is true, carried an obligation to his mother, who had already reached advanced years. In addition he has some £20,000 in American securities, the present status of which is really obscure."

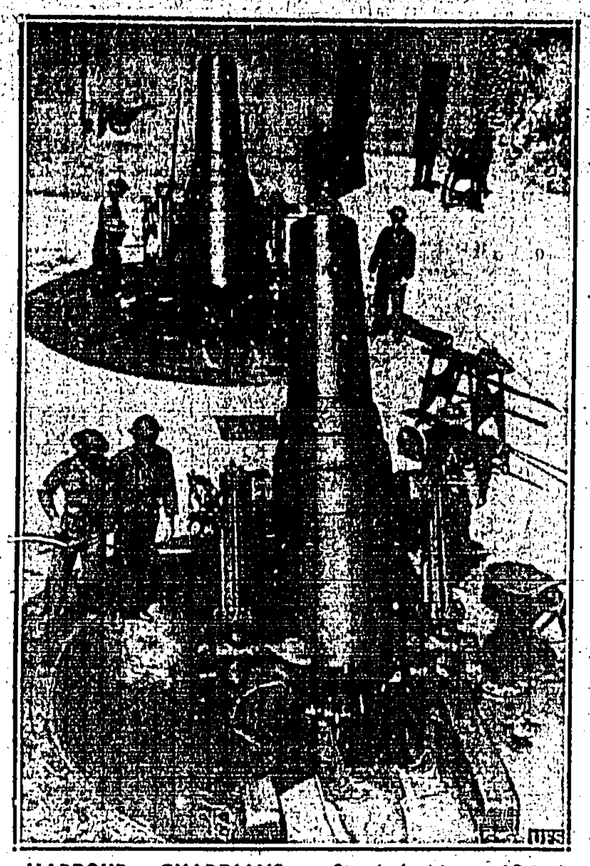
Benefited By £25,000

In view of all the relevant facts, the judge said, he did not think that the detriment suffered by Capt. Cunningham-Reid was one that ought fairly to be compensated at the expense of the former wife, though it was true that the detriment had been caused by her action.

He was not excluding the fact that Capt. Cunningham-Reid, on his own admission, benefited to the extent of some £25,000 by his association with his former wife.

"I have tried to exclude from my mind any question of prejudice gainst the lady," concluded the judge. "It is not to the point that she should have behaved badly in the moral sense since the Chancery proceedings."

Mr Justice Langton directed that the former wife should pay the costs of the proceedings.



HARBOUR GUARDIANS — Sturdy-looking 12-inch mortars that guard harbour of San Diego, California. Gun crews are preparing them for sub-calibre practice firing at off-shore towed targets, at their emplacements at Fort Rosecrans.

U-Boat Ace Captured In Wild Dog-Fight

I can now reveal that Cmdr Otto Kretschmer, the Nazi U-boat commander, whose capture was officially announced was taken prisoner after what is described as "one of the wildest dog-fights between warships and submarines ever known," writes a "Daily Telegraph" reporter.

Kretschmer was lionised throughout Germany as the "Wolf of the North Atlantic." With great but imprudent daring he attacked a convoy at night in poor visibility. As a result two—probably three—U-boats were sunk.

Earlier in the evening one of the escorting ships had sighted a U-boat on the surface audaciously shadowing the convoy. Immediately it raced to the attack.

The submarine crash-dived, and there was no apparent sequel to the dropping of depth charges. The warship's commander therefore rejoined the convoy, and all the escort vessels maintained special vigilance.

It was a black, moonless night. An unpleasant swell developed and a slight drizzle reduced the visibility still more. Keen eyes straining into the darkness could only dimly discern nebulous shapes as the ships ploughed a slow course.

The Alarm

Suddenly alarm bells clanged. All the escorting vessels began a furious hunt for the unseen U-boats.

Star shells were fired and the warships circled and twisted, sweeping the depths with their Asdic detectors.

Luck speedily came the way of one ship when the commander spotted a submarine only a few hundred yards away. He signalled full speed ahead to the engine room and attacked.

Half-a-dozen of the U-boat crew flung themselves into the sea as their craft sank. Then, while the British sailors were dragging some of the Germans on board with ropes, the unbelievable happened—a second U-boat surfaced near.

To avoid the possibility of being torpedoed, the victorious warship sped away. But, as it happened, the second submarine had been damaged by depth charges dropped from a sister ship and had been forced to come up.

Numbers of the crew were captured by a sister warship, and the work of rescue went on.

During the hunt, one warship which had dropped a number of depth charges believed that a third U-boat had been sunk.

PROCLAMATION BY WAVELL TO FRENCH

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—General Wavell issued this proclamation to-night to the soldiers of France in Syria:

"Frenchmen, soldiers, comrades of the battles of yesterday and partners in to-morrow's victory—

"We have received an order to penetrate into this territory which you are guarding.—It is the only way to preserve this territory at least from German seizure.

"The Boches occupy two-thirds of France and control the rest. They have now begun the conquest of your colonies. Syria and Lebanon are the first stage in this seizure, which is now happening before your eyes.

"We do not come as enemies, but on the contrary, to your help against our common adversary. Instead of resisting us, lend us your aid against your people's mortal enemy."

General Wavell continued: "We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless. I know that you would fight like heroes, but without hope. We have learned in fighting side by side what honour means to French soldiers. It is far from our thoughts to tarnish it."

After recalling the Allied victory over the "Boches" 20 years ago, General Wavell concluded: "We are going to beat them a second time. We would like it to be with your help, side by side with our comrades in the past war and not against you."

Haile Selassie Thanks Indian Troops

SIMLA, June 8 (Reuter).—Haile Selassie has sent a special personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

Haile Selassie says: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian public and press have shown for my people throughout the years of their misfortune and oppression. I am grateful for it. I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country. Their training in mountain warfare enabled them at Keren and afterwards at Amba Alagi to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable.

Outnumbered

"Their courage in the face of superior enemy numbers, armed with the most modern weapons, has excited the admiration of all who know what they have done. I wish to express to all ranks of the Indian divisions which fought in the campaign for the freedom of my country the sincere thanks of my country, myself and my people."

The message was signed on May 30 by the Emperor himself seated at his writing table in the magnificent stone palace built for the Duke of Aosta.

Borneo Would Be Great Problem for An Attacker

A bird's-eye view of Borneo, giant oil island athwart the Equator, shows how difficult would be the problem of any attacker, and how simple the task of defenders with adequate equipment.

A ground survey backs up the conclusion drawn from the air, from which can be seen thickly-matted jungle rolling down from the tops of the highest mountains to the shallow and dangerous shore, where it is met by nightmare swamps, cables a special correspondent of the Australian Associated Press from Tarakan, Dutch Borneo.

It is the jungle which is Borneo's greatest defence. A beleaguered invader would have little chance of existing, particularly if he was hampered on all sides by trained jungle guerillas, if the few centres of habitation with their food, water, and other supplies were blown up, and if his supply ships were harassed by bombers, submarines, naval surface units, and motor torpedo boats.

Borneo's importance to-day is that it is the producer of various petroleum products without which the modern war machine is paralyzed. The main oil centres are at Balik Papan and Tarakan.

While at Balik Papan and Tarakan, I saw corroboration of the recent Netherlands Indies Government statement that the defences of the oil centres had been considerably improved, the correspondent writes. These defences are new, and their quality and quantity cannot be revealed. It is enough to say that the Dutch are taking advantage of every natural aid to finish off quickly what the jungle and the swamps would take a little longer to do.

Defence Co-ordination

Like that of other islands in the Netherlands Indies, the defence of Borneo is based on close co-operation between the Netherlands Indies Navy, Army, and Air Force. The straits and port approaches have been heavily mined, shore batteries and machine-guns cover likely landing places, and military aerodromes are in positions commanding all approaches. From them, too, aircraft can bomb transports and supply ships long before they reach the shore.

The approaches to Dutch Borneo are guarded on the eastern and western sides by other islands which are also defended. Outer islands off the southern tip of Borneo stretch right up to Mindanao, one of the largest islands of the Philippines. The Celebes, facing the eastern coast of Borneo, separated by the narrow Macassar Sea, are only a few hours' flight from the oil centres, and Balik Papan and Tarakan are a short air distance from the large military and naval air bases of Java.

It is only 600 miles from Malaya to British Borneo, and less from Sumatra to the nearest section of Dutch Borneo, with Dutch owned Billiton Island spaced nicely in the centre of the water jump. So, the lot of an attacker on Borneo would be a difficult one, and any invasion plan is immediately confronted by innumerable difficulties.

Well Defended

Britain, units of her Empire, and the United States have strong interests in Borneo. Portion of Borneo is controlled by Britain, and much of the high-octane fuel for air force operations in Malaya, the East Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines comes from its Dutch portion's oil centres. Other petroleum products, such as petrol with much less tetraethyl lead, and crude oil are needed for transport trucks, armoured cars, artillery tractors, and ships and submarines. The oil wells have been developed with combined British, American, and Dutch capital and ingenuity not by the Governments, but by private companies.

Production for the democracies is going on at speed in Borneo, and in the interim the island has been, and is still being, well defended. If an invader were fortunate enough to get a few thousand men ashore at great loss, all that would fall into his hands would be blazing wells, smashed drills, sabotaged refineries, and torn-up pipe lines. Borneo, would be useless for the production of oil for at least two years.

SHORTS STORY!

Sensation in St John's Wood, London.

Man seen walking wearily, wearing R.A.F. great-coat and *no trousers*.

Woman rushed home and told her husband: He's a parachutist. And he has a bundle on his back."

Husband, a member of Scotland Yard Flying Squad, rang up the Yard. They sent telephone messages and cars to St John's Wood.

"Stop that man," was the order.

The police did.

And found their "parachutist" an R.A.F. footballer in football pants going home after a hard match.

Making Army Boots Last

Criticism of the Ministry of Supply concerning a test for treating the leather of Army boots to prolong their life appears in a report on supply services of the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

The report states that the Ministry agreed to make a test on 200 pairs of boots. Six months afterwards reports received covered only 180 of the 400 boots subjected to the test.

Incomplete as the evidence was, it appeared to indicate some measure of success from the treatment, states the report. It states that it was unfortunate that the inventor's proposal to treat 10,000 pairs was not accepted, and adds:

"If the time that boots can be used without repair is increased by only one week, and assuming that each repair averages 4s, the saving with an army of 2,000,000 amounts to £400,000 per annum, apart from the possibly larger saving due to the increased total life of army boots."

The committee recommend that a wider test should be carried out forthwith.

At 2.30 p.m. on June 14, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, will inspect the Air Raid Precautions Despatch Corps at the Volunteer Parade Ground.

U. S. STRIKE UNBROKEN

Men Defy Threat To Take Over Plant

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INGLEWOOD, Calif., June 8 (UP).—The strikers in the North American Aviation Company's plant have defied President Roosevelt. The eight-man negotiating Committee to-day telegraphed to Mr Stephen Early, the President's Secretary, protesting against a threat that the Army may take over the plant, stating, "Bombers cannot be built with bayonets . . . armed forces will not break our strike."

Sequel To Air Raid Horror

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Central News).—In addition to meeting out disciplinary punishment, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered that a thorough investigation be made of the case in which a large number of people were suffocated to death in an underground tunnel in Chungking during the Japanese air raid on the morning of June 6.

The Generalissimo has ordered the formation of a committee to investigate the case under General Wu Techen.

COMMUNISTS FIND PLENTY OF MONEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—The Finance Commissar, Mr A. G. Zverev, to-day announced that there has been an over-subscription in the economic defence loan of nine and one half milliard roubles which was issued on June 3. The excess already amounts to 201,000,000 roubles and the subscriptions are continuing.

The "Pravda," official organ of the Central Committee, commenting editorially, stated that the "tremendous success of the new loan measures the triumph of our Party Government. The latest increase in the growth of our country might demonstrate the moral and political unity of the people."

*A rouble is worth about 50 cents gold.

Wealth In China's Northwest

Hopes that by utilising the idle capital in Shanghai and Hongkong and in collaboration with the industrialists in Shensi, a large scale industrial concern will be established for the development of the vast untapped resources in that province were expressed in an interview by Mr Yu Ya-ching, prominent Shanghai businessman and Chinese councillor of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who returned here a few days ago from Chungking.

Divorce Petition Succeeds

A petition for divorce was brought by Mr Joseph George Meyer before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Divorce Court this morning. Mrs Dorothy Meyer was named as Respondent and Mr Odd Erik Fingalson named as co-Respondent. The suit was stated to have been brought on the grounds of adultery.

The Hon. Mr Leo d' Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Petitioner.

A decree nisi was granted.

Ruman Iron Guards Still Defy Law

Heavy Prison Sentences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, June 8 (UP).—A report from Bucharest officially states that a military court has sentenced to from three to fifteen years imprisonment, 44 Iron Guard agitators who defied the law by singing their Iron Guard song on June 1 during the German-Rumanian football match. Two women were included in the group who were sentenced and 42 others were acquitted.

Soviets Uncover A Racket

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

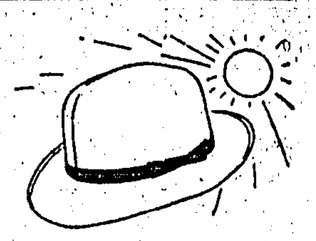
MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—The official "Izvestia" to-day reported the discovery of an illegal underground women's goods factory in Moscow.

The trial of twenty operators revealed that the defendants looted the material for State-owner plants and employed private workers.

Rangoon To Thailand Broadcast Started

RANGOON, June 8 (Reuter).—A new daily programme for Thai listeners, begun last evening from Rangoon, has evoked considerable interest in Thailand.

The programme was inaugurated by a message from the Premier, Mr Usaw, followed by the President of the Senate.



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Hitler's Comic Romance With Elderly Heiress

Revelations of Hitler's love affairs, his ludicrous attempts to win a wife, and his tragic wooing of Renate Muller, the film star, are put on record in "Hitler's Girls, Guns and Gangsters" (Hurst and Blackett, 16s.).

Contrary to popular belief, women have played a big part in Hitler's life; he is fascinated by them and is easily infatuated.

Leni Riefenstahl, the famous film star, was given the special mission of captivating Hitler. She failed.

Instead of love, Hitler talked business, and he got her to buy him securities for investments abroad!

In 1931 when Goebbels and Himmler were worried about Hitler's infatuation for his niece, Angela Raubal, they agreed that "Adolf must be married, and married quickly."

"The lady must have a romantic background to please the old women of both sexes in the Party," said Goebbels. "And I have found the real thing.

". . . Money, plenty of money, romance, Nordic tradition—Frau Siegfried Wagner, Richard's Wagner's widowed daughter-in-law, the heiress of Bayreuth!"

"And is she agreeable to the idea?" asked Himmler. "She doesn't know anything yet, but—leave it to me," replied Goebbels.

Frau Wagner, English-born, middle-aged and mother of three children, was not beautiful, but had great natural charm.

Tactless

For his first meeting (which Goebbels had engineered) with Frau Wagner, Hitler made elaborate preparations.

He visited a dentist to have his decayed teeth made gold ones, and he also replenished his wardrobe.

Frau Wagner was not impressed—at first.

When she asked him what opera he liked best, he tactlessly replied "The Merry Widow." . . . So, day after day, Hitler accompanied Frau Wagner to the Wagner Festival. The romance was developing.

Meanwhile, Himmler, in Berlin, saw the prospect of big money for the Nazi party coming from Hugenberg, the millionaire newspaper owner and film magnate.

Every day he was ringing up to have a word with Hitler, and every day the excuse had to be given, "Der Fuehrer is listening to Wagner music."

At all costs, Himmler decided, the Wagner idyll in Bayreuth must be brought to an end and Hitler must return to Berlin.

The result was an article in the "Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung" which posed the question: "Was Richard Wagner a Jew?"

Erna Ran Away

When Hitler read the article, he furiously summoned his bodyguard and left Bayreuth—and Frau Wagner—within an hour.

Another unlucky Hitler wooing was that of Erna Hanfstaengl. Erna, a cultured Society girl, treated his courting as a joke.

Daily he sent her flowers; blushingly he presented her with his best painting. But so tired did Erna become of his attentions that she ran away to Switzerland.

Renate Muller, the popular German film actress, who made a film in England, was introduced to Hitler by Goebbels.

They had many meetings, but the projected romance did not materialise. Miss Muller died suddenly. Reports that she committed suicide were officially denied.

TYPHOON BURST DAM

Japanese Missing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 8 (Domei).—Eighty of 113 peasants living in the tiny village of Oumu, Monbetsugun, Hokkaido, are reported missing since the dam belonging to the Oumu Water Power Company crumbled at 9.20 a.m. yesterday under pressure of water which rose to unprecedented proportions during the typhoon on Friday night.

Volunteer guards patrolled the area and searched for the missing as the flood continued to devastate houses and crops which were ready to be harvested.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Sports Possibilities Of Roller Skating

Hockey On Wheels Can Provide Thrills And Fun

Popularity Assured

(By "Tinker")

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, following a visit to the Shumshuipo Barracks to watch a Middlesex Boxing Tournament, I wrote on the initiative that Middlesex sportsmen had shown in the making of their roller-skating rink. It was the only one in Hongkong, and it was then advocated that as a civilian enterprise it would also prove popular.

At the time, it was doubtless dismissed as just another article. But take a look around the Colony to-day and count the number of skating rinks that are. And another is being laid out!

The Ritz, at North Point, was the first to lay out a rink, but it was soon followed by others—two of them—on the mainland, and though I haven't been inside yet, I heard the sound of roller-skates on one of the upper floors of one of the hotels in the central district a little while ago. Happy Valley is the site for the newest rink.

Graceful Art

SKATING improves one's sense of balance, and there is a lot of pleasure to be had out of simply circling round and round the rink as most people do at present. It is an omission, however, not to provide music at the rinks—if only from a gramophone—for the beat perfects rhythm on the rink, and skating is a graceful art that demands rhythm.

It has proved itself immensely popular with the younger folk—I noted a "skates hospital in Nathan Road—and hockey on skates is an adaptation that is gathering its supporters."

At the moment, the military sportsmen are practically the only ones to indulge in the game, though a team of civilians have taken part in one of the matches at the Kowloon Rink, but hockey enthusiasts in the Colony might give the matter some thought.

In its similarity to ice hockey it has its appeal. It is fast and can be made very scientific.

But, one must first learn to skate, and skate well, for the manoeuvres require quite some skill.

If anyone has any doubts about the possibilities of hockey on skates, a visit to one of the games between the Regiments would be an eye-opener. They are played in the right spirit, and provide great fun. I mention the right spirit for, as in ice hockey, bumps can be frequent, and sometimes hard, and these must be taken in good humour.

The Boon Of Ice

IT would be a boon to Hongkong if an ice rink were made. It would, of course, have to be enclosed from the rays of the sun. But like Jai-Alai, on which I wrote last week, it would be a costly venture at the outset, though I have no doubt that it would be a very profitable venture all the year round.

Roller skates may not provide the same facility for figure- and trick-skating as on ice, but the fundamental pleasures are similar for it incorporates the same soothing sense of gliding along as though in flight.

Nor have they the same glide as those on ice, nor can one produce the same turn of speed, but they are an excellent substitute.

Golf

Heafner And Shute Lead U.S. Open

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 7 (Reuter).—Clayton Heafner and Densmore Shute lead at the completion of the second round of the United States Open Golf Championship with scores of 144, while Paul Runyan, Johnny Bulla and Jugs McSpaden are lying second with totals of 146.

A cloud-burst followed by a violent electrical storm delayed play for a long time and consequently most second-round scores were 75 or over. Scores of the leading players at the completion of the second round were:

SClayton Heafner	72, 72,=144
Densmore Shute	69, 75,=144
Paul Runyan	74, 72,=146
Johnny Bulla	75, 71,=146
Jugs McSpaden	71, 75,=146
Ray Mangrum	73, 74,=147
Victor Ghezzi	70, 79,=149
Ben Bogan	74, 71,=151

Two Wins For Chinese Soccerites In Australia

Sydney, June 7.

The visiting combined Eastern-Sing Tao Football team from Hongkong played their third match in Australia to-day, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by five goals to three.—*Reuter.*

Another Victory

Sydney, June 8.

The Chinese footballers to-day beat Granville 7-4.—*United Press.*

Whirlaway's Triple Triumph

NEW YORK, June 7 (UP).—Whirlaway to-day became the fifth horse in United States turf history to secure the triple crown, winning the U.S. G$25,000 Belmont Stakes. Whirlaway had previously won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.

Yankee Chance was second and Itabo third.

Tennis

U. S. Pro. Doubles

Hollywood, June 7.

Keith Gledhill and Lester Stoefen, former United States Tennis Doubles champions, to-day won the United States Professional Doubles title when they beat Sid Barnes and A. D. Bell 6-4, 13-11.—*Reuter.*

WEEK-END LEAGUE BOWLS

H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C."A"), A. Hyde-Lay (K.B.G.C."A"), R. Basa (C.C.C), A. M. Omar (C.C.C), K. M. Omar (C.C.C) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C."A") keenly interested in the wood that is just passing the jack.—*Ming Yuen.*

Lawn Bowls League

Recreio "A" Regain Lead In First Division

Kowloon Tong Still Unbeaten

RECREIO "A" regained the lead in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League yesterday when they beat their "B" Club-mates 5-0 at King's Park. Though having played one more game than Craigengower, they have a four points' lead.

Kowloon Tong secured a six points' lead in the Second Division on Saturday when Kowloon Football Club lost to Recreio, and K. Tong maintained their unbeaten record at the expense of the Hongkong F.C. at the Valley.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by J. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (K.B.G.C. Third Division) in their match against the Hongkong Electric at North Point. The total for this rink victory—40-11—established a new aggregate record.

A. J. Coelho (C.C.C., 3rd Div.) registered a seven against R. A. Edwards (Hongkong C.C.) on Saturday, while sixes were claimed by C. Strange (C.S.C.C., 1st Div), A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C., 2nd Div.), and J. C. Aitken (Police, 3rd Div.).

Two matches were played yesterday. Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" in the First Division, and Craigengower beat Recreio in the "C" Division. Scores were:

At King's Park Recreio A beat Recreio B 5-0.

D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto lost to Joe Lur, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva 15-22.

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres lost to F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz 12-26.

F. A. Machao, C. A. Lopes, Eddie Souza, J. E. Noronha lost to L. F. Xavier, C. M. da Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva 13-19.

Third Division

At Recreio Craigengower beat Recreio 4-1.

L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich lost to F. X. Delgado, R. K. Pavri, C. W. Lam, N. P. Karanjia 17-27.

F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho beat L. M. Roza, W. J. Curd, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho 23-15.

G. A. Ribeiro, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon lost to E. J. Tock, F. K. Modi, G. Ladd, D. A. Rozario 14-19.

International Soccer

England Beat Wales 3-2

Thrilling Match

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—England beat Wales by three goals to two after the latter had led by two clear goals at the interval, in their International Association Football match to-day before 20,000 spectators.

Woodward and James placed Wales in the lead long before England got going, but later Hagan reduced England's arrears. Bryn Jones, the £14,000 star, had extremely hard luck in not converting a header for Wales just before the interval.

Early in the second-half the Welsh forwards worked their way through the English defence, but Hapgood, the England and Arsenal captain, dropped back to save the final shot with the England goalkeeper outpositioned. Hagan equalised for England soon after this, and just before the end Welsh put paid to Wales' account by converting England's final goal.

Reading Wins London Cup

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—Reading won the London Cup Association Football competition to-day when they beat Brentford by the odd goal in five after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sherwood scored after three minutes for Reading, but half an hour later Perry found the back of Reading's net for Brentford. Early in the second half Poland, in Brentford's goal, had the misfortune to punch the ball through into his own net in an attempt to save, and Reading led by the odd goal.

Perry again came to the rescue of Brentford and equalised with a grand shot, but before the end Edelston, released from the International match, scored the deciding goal in Reading's favour.

The Rt Hon. Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, attended the game and had the teams presented to him. He later handed the cup and souvenirs to the winning captain and team.

Scottish Cup Games

London, June 7.

The first round of the Scottish Football Association's Summer Cup competition was played to-day, while a full programme of matches was held in the North and South Regional Leagues. The results were:

Scottish Summer Cup, first round.—Aldrieonians 2 Hamilton 3; Celtic 3 Hibernian 0; Falkirk 2 Rangers 3; Heart of Midlothian 8 Queen's Park 1; Morton 1 Clyde 2; Motherwell 2 Dumbarton 2; Partick 1 St Mirren 3; Third Lanark 6 Albion Rovers 2.

South Regional League.—Leicester City 2 Stoke City 1; Millwall 3 Crystal Palace 2; Tottenham Hotspur 2 Fulham 1; West Ham 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Aldershot 3 Watford 1.

Regional Match.—Mansfield Town 1 Chesterfield 6.

North Regional League.—Manchester City 3 Bury 2; Oldham 6 Bolton Wanderers 1; Preston North End 6 Liverpool 1.

Other Matches.—Brighton 7 Allied Services 1.

—*Reuter.*

Swimming

Manila Unable To Send Interport Team

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest.

This was learned yesterday from Mr L. R. Ildefonso, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hongkong send a representative team to Manila later in the season, but it is thought improbable that Hongkong will be able to obtain permission for those swimmers who are members of the Volunteers, to secure leave.

Week-End Water-Polo

Only three Invitation Water-polo Tournament matches were held over the week-end, and all ended as anticipated.

On Saturday two matches were held in the Dockyard pool, when Navy "A" beat 36th Battery R.A. by five goals to one, and 8th Coastal Regiment R.A. beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to two. Rutter (2), Lieut. Carter, Paul and Halfyard scored for Navy "A", while Richards scored for 36th Battery. McNulty (4)——and Calthorpe netted for 8th Coastal Regiplied for 965th Battery.

In "Y" Pool

Yesterday morning only one match was held in the Y.M.C.A. pool, when Middlesex "A" beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to one. Jennings (2), Binden (2) and Ure scored for the winners, and Hall replied for the Gunners. The other match between 36th Battery R.A. and 8th Coastal Regt R.A. was postponed.

Water-Polo Meeting

A meeting of representatives of the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-polo Tournament will be held at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Y.M.C.A. to draw up further fixtures.

Four Die In Freight Train Disaster

SALINAS, Cal., May 5.—A huge mountain locomotive pulling a 94-car Southern Pacific freight train exploded five miles north of here Saturday, killing four trainmen and hurling jagged smoking steel in all directions.

Twenty boxcars and oil tank cars piled up like toys along the right-of-way.

K. C. C. Cricketers At Lawn Bowls

Members of the successful Kowloon Cricket Club's senior and junior cricket teams gathered at the Club yesterday for a curry tiffin, following which they met in a bowls match which the seconds won after an extra head by all rinks.

A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, D. Hung, J. P. Robinson lost to H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. W. Parsons 16-19.

E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, N. D. Lloyd, E. C. Fincher beat A. E. Perry, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, S. A. Gray 24-12.

R. T. Broadbridge, L. R. Burch, R. A. E. Mackay, T. W. Carr lost to W. C. Hung, R. J. Fenton, R. Leigh, G. E. Taylor 13-22.

Yorkshire Team

The following will represent the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hongkong against the Hongkong Electric on Friday at 9 p.m. at Ming Yuen:

P. R. Parks, A. L. Fisher, A. G. Grattan, M. N. Rakusen (skip).

Lt.-Col H. B. Holt, H. H. Mundy, L. Sykes, J. G. Meyer (skip)

A. R. Brown, J. H. Bottomley, C. F. Needham, A. Brooksbank (skip).

Other members wishing to play are requested to be present, as they are almost certain to get a game.

14,169 Rabbits Caught In 147 Nights

Three trappers attached to the firm of Messrs Gough, of South Cerney, Cirencester, Glos, claim that in 147 nights between August 19 and December 21 they caught 14,169 rabbits. Thousands more have been caught since that date.

H. N. Gough caught 216 rabbits in one night with 100 traps, and on another night S. E. Evans caught 205 with a similar number of traps. In 20 days 7,585 rabbits were caught, and 5,332 in 18 days. The rabbits were trapped on farms in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Mr Isaac Gough, head of the firm, contends that the method employed by his men—trapping above the ground—is by far the best.

MILITARY ATTACHE HERE

Colonel G. T. Wards, Military Attache, British Embassy, Tokyo, has arrived in the Colony from Manila. He is *en route* to Tokyo.

Baseball Season's Grand Opening

Mindanao Nose Out Brewers: Last Inning Thrills

WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, the Governor, tossing the first ball, the Hongkong Baseball Season opened in grand style at the new Kowloon Ball Park on Saturday, U.S.S. Mindanao nosing out the H. B. Brewery 7-6 in a last inning rally that had fans roaring with excitement.

Yesterday, U.S.S. Asheville beat Mohawks 6-4, and Royal Engineers defeated South China 9-5.

There was a record gathering at ball-park on Saturday for the official opening, and the baseball was in keeping with the enthusiasm of the fans.

The following were the official guests of the League.—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, accompanied by his A.D.C. Captain H. S. Batty Smith; His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasett, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain R. E. T. St John; Commodore Richard E. Cassidy, U.S.N., and Captain McGlyn, of U.S.S. Mindinao; Commodore Collinson; Captain R. E. Guest, Secretary of the Area Sports Board; and the American Consul-General, Mr J. H. Bruins.

Mindanao trailed 5-6 at the beginning of the final inning, and when Wilson crossed the plate and tied scores 6-all with two away, the crowd was ready for anything. Then R. Wilson batted a screamer to centre and cashed in the winner.

The Brewers, however, had yet a chance of making the grade, but failed before the brilliant pitching of Powlawski.

Scores inning by inning were:

Mindanao:									
Runs	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	=	7
Hits	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	=	8
Brewery:									
Runs	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	=	6
Hits	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	=	5

Mohawks Subdued

SCORING 1, 1 and 2 in the first three frames, but thereafter remaining blank, the Mohawks went under the U.S.S. Asheville 4-6 in the opener of the baseball session yesterday.

Asheville came through strongly in the second frame with four runs, and clinched the issue with singles in the fifth and sixth cantos.

Scores were:

Mohawks:									
Runs	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	=	4
Hits	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	=	6
Asheville:									
Runs	0	4	0	0	1	1	x	=	6
Hits	0	2	1	0	2	0	x	=	5

Sappers Win Easily

ROYAL ENGINEERS upset calculations in the nightcap yesterday by beating South China 9-5 after a great last stretch rally. Scores deadlocked 2-all at the end of the fourth frame but Sappers chased home three in the fifth and four in the sixth to put the game on ice.

Scores were:

R. Engineers:									
Runs	0	1	0	1	3	4	0	=	9
Hits	0	0	2	4	1	2	0	=	9
S. China:									
Runs	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	=	5
Hits	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	=	6

AQUATIC RECORDS BROKEN AT LAICHIKOK GALA

At Laichikok last night the three-day swimming gala organised by the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Union Club was concluded. The proceeds were for the Bomber Fund, British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, Free Schools, and Free Medical Services.

During the gala two Chinese National records were broken and one equalled. Miss Sai Wa-ying, of Chinese Bathing Club timing 1.30 1-5 broke the record for the women's 100 metres backstroke on the first day. On the second day the record for the men's 200 metres relay was broken by Sing Tao Sports Club timing 1.55. The record for the women's 100 metres was equalled by Miss Ho Wai-king, of Chinese Bathing Club, who clocked 1.22.

A water polo match between the Residents Union Club and the Middlesex put the finishing touch to the gala. Outstanding player for the home team was Chu Cheuk-yau who scored the winning goal for his side in the second half. Wong Cheung, in goal, made several spectacular saves in the first half and it was largely due to him that Middlesex failed to score.

Mr Lui Ping-chuen, Chairman, distributed the prizes.

Yesterday's results:

400 metres open relay.—1, Sing Tao (Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Wong Tse-hung, Li Fook-ki). 2, Residents Union Club (John Tai, Chan Chiu-cheung, Mak Kwok-hung, Chan Kwok-kwun). Time 5.27 3-10.

Women's 200 metres breaststroke (open).—1, Ng Shu-lin, 2, Sum Wai-yung. Time 3.46 6-10.

50 metres sidestroke.—1, John Tai, 2, Chan Chui-cheung, 3, Chan Kwok-kwun.

50 metres (open to film stars).—1, Yiu Ping, 2, Yeung Bun. Time 38.4.

100 metres backstroke (open).—1, Ng Nin, 2, Poon Wing-kai, 3, Lau Yui-ting. Time 1.16 1-10.

50 metres.—1, John Tai, 2, Mak Kwok-hung, 3, Chan Chui-cheung.

100 metres breaststroke (open to film stars).—1, Yeung Bun; 2, Yiu Ping. Time 1.41 1-2.

Women's 50 metres backstroke.—1, Tsang Fung-kwun, 2, Ng Sui-lin. Time 46.3.

Diving (open).—1, Lam Ka-hung (151 pts.); 2, Wo Ka-kui, (139 pts.); 3, To Chung-ming (111 pts.).

Water Polo.—Middlesex lost to Residents Union Club 1-0. Teams.—Residents Union—Wong Cheung; Wong Sau-sam, Chan Kwonk-kwun; Kwok Bung-sun; Yeung Man-kit, Kwow Chan-hang, Chun Cheuk-yau. Middlesex Goddard; Bindon, Quickendon; Jennings; Birdecy, Bordge, Puddfoot.

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CORVETTE DEFIES RAIDER

Here is a David and Goliath story from the sea—a story which overwhelmed the First Lord of the Admiralty and which will thrill you.

It's a story of a small corvette, rolling along the ocean. Muffled men on the bridge saw a German raider against the horizon.

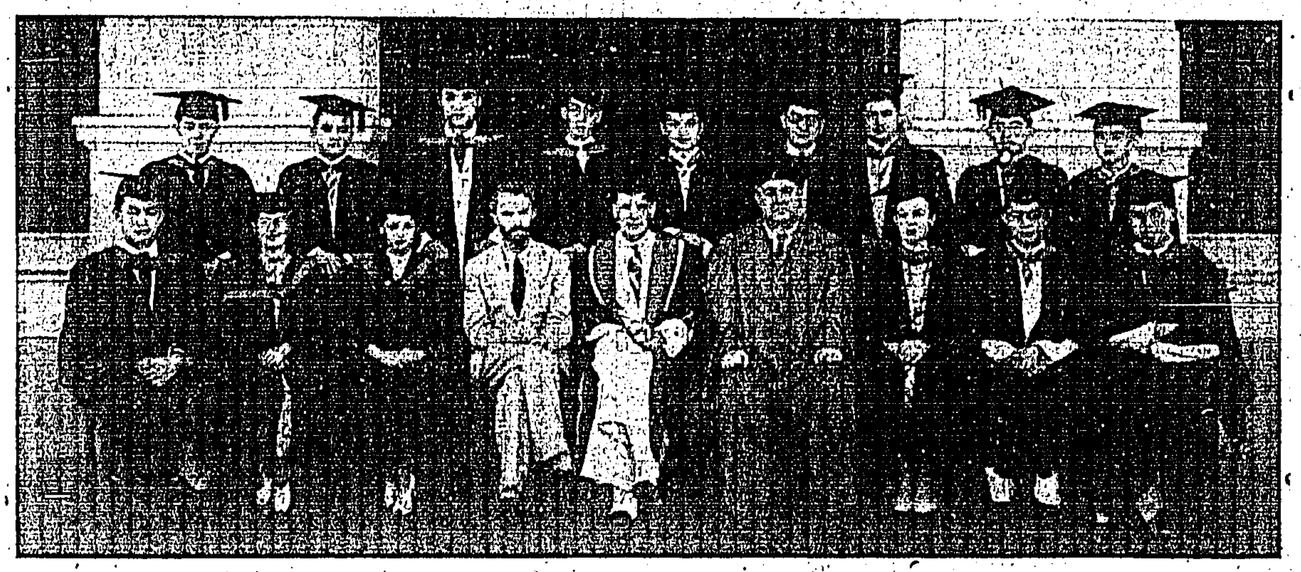
In the Admiralty, hundreds of miles away, this short brave sign reached them from the corvette:—"ENEMY RAIDER. AM ENGAGING."

That's all.

In his room Mr A. V. Alexander picked up the brief signal—one of the many he sees every day. He described his reactions:

"Anyone who knows what naval ships are, and what is the size of a corvette compared with an enemy raider, will realise the courage of that signal," he said.

"It just overwhelmed me. It brought tears to my eyes. It also made me feel very thankful that there was a big sister close by."



This year's medical graduates of the University of Hongkong are seen in the above photograph. Seated in centre is the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Gordon King, and beside him are (left) Prof. P. B. Wilkinson and (right) Prof. R. C. Robertson. (Photo A. Fong).

Germany's Blockade Worries

Transport Is The Real Difficulty

Our blockade of Germany and the R.A.F. bombings, it is learned in London, are seriously hampering the Nazis' war potentials. Problems of distribution and transport are giving the enemy more worry than actual shortage.

In most cases where one would look for shortage as a result of the blockade, the Germans are still living on stocks, which they already had or have looted.

Labour is also providing difficulties, in spite of the large numbers of foreign workers imported.

The German technical Press shows anxiety regarding ferro alloys, and announcements of synthetic rubber substitutes are made periodically.

Nickel coins have been called in in Italy and occupied countries.

Wooden Shoes

Shortage of textiles is affecting chiefly the German civilian consumer.

The French have been robbed of their textile stocks, and are now being forced to collaborate in the establishment of synthetic textile industries.

Hunger for leather is indicated by the fact that wooden shoes are officially encouraged in Germany.

Tin and packing material substitutes have been introduced, but German housewives are warned against keeping food too long in the substitute packing.

There is a serious shortage of fats.

POLES READY TO MEET NAZIS IN MIDDLE EAST

After many months of hard military training in Palestine and Egypt, a Polish group, equipped with the latest British weapons and ammunition, is set and anxious to meet the Nazis on the battlefield again.

"We are grimly determined to fight to the last man until victory is won and freedom restored," declared General Kopanski, commander-in-Chief of the Polish troops in Egypt.

The Polish brigade, formed in April 1940, is largely composed of officers and men who fought their way from German prison camps plodding through deep snow across the Taurus mountains. Recruits are still pouring in from many parts of the world.

Many Polish pilots are also reported in the Near East. Poles helped to prepare defences in the Western Desert and are now establishing lines of communication and building tank traps, wire entanglements and other defences.

R.A.F. COURAGE RECOGNISED

Eagles' feathers, sent to England by the Indian Council Fire, an Indian society of Chicago, for presentation to members of the R.A.F., have been awarded to a small group of pilots who have specially distinguished themselves in air fighting against the enemy. In Indian symbolism an eagle's feather is a token of courage.

Melbourne Man's Miraculous Escape from Greek Front

In a clumsy oaken craft of 50 tons, with sails and an auxiliary engine, Major Eugene Gorman, the Melbourne barrister and Comforts Fund Commissioner, escaped from Greece during the evacuation after a series of extraordinary adventures.

Carrying six Australian soldiers and 56 Greek refugees the little trading vessel, called a kayak, sailed safely into an island harbour behind eight warships of the Mediterranean Fleet on the morning of April 28, writes John Hetterington, the "Sydney Sun" War correspondent in the Middle East.

Gorman rounded off the trip by borrowing a truck on the island and distributing cocoa, tinned fruit, 3,500 tins of tobacco and other comforts to thousands of A.I.F. evacuees on the island.

He was able to do this because he had brought away in the kayak practically all the Comforts' Fund stores in Greece—about 1½ tons—including £100 worth of cutlery that had been purchased for the Australian Soldiers' Club which was to have opened in Athens.

Gorman hired the kayak in expectation that Greece would be evacuated a few days before Britain began to withdraw her forces.

He landed his personal belongings and stores into her during April 22 and boarded her late the same night with five non-commissioned officers employed on canteen and Comforts' Fund duties.

Cabaret Dancers

The Australians found a number of refugees already on board—Greek soldiers, four women cabaret performers and a barman from a leading hotel, all desperately eager to leave Greece.

The kayak reached the island of Siphnos early next morning and put into a small cove well away from the main harbour, the passengers going ashore in two dinghies and hiding in caves while enemy aircraft scouted overhead.

They had not been ashore long when an enemy plane flew over and sank a 5,000-ton refugee ship in the main harbour.

Passengers who escaped ashore from the bombed ship, including a company of Greek machine-gunners asked Gorman to take them in the kayak and he agreed to take 12 because the kayak would not hold any more.

Boat Fired On

Gorman put some aboard and was waiting on shore for a dinghy to pick him up when Greek machine-gunners fired across the boat and ordered it to pull towards them. Twelve to 13 got into it and compelled the rowers to pull to the kayak, leaving Gorman still on shore.

As the Greeks reached the vessel the non-commissioned officers aboard, with a rifle, a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, forced the Greeks to surrender their arms and turned them towards the shore.

A second dinghy began to take off Gorman, and it also was fired on, and again the gunners climbed into it, but by a ruse he eluded them and reached the kayak in darkness, only to discover that she could not put to sea because of a broken air-compressor.

This meant another day ashore in caves while the compressor was repaired, but finally she got away and made the island of Melos, where a column of smoke revealed another bombed refugee ship.

Enemy aircraft had sunk seven ships there in 11 days, and a 6,000-tonner that came in soon after the kayak's arrival was bombed and sunk within a few hours.

A Miracle

Four or five survivors from the bombed ship were added to the kayak's already over-large company, and when she was again preparing to sail that night adverse winds developed and the captain decided it was dangerous to put to sea.

Thus the passengers returned ashore for another day's wait.

"There was only one good thing about it," said Gorman. "A Greek soldier caught four mountain goats and cooked them. We were ravenous for fresh meat and tore the carcases to bits and ate them like tigers."

The kayak sailed at dark, but soon ran into heavy seas. The captain was in despair, and said the kayak could not make headway—his only course was to head westward to the island of Cytherea.

"It looked like the end of the chapter until a miracle happened," said Gorman. "The wind changed to a favourable quarter, and the kayak, using her sails and engine, ran before the wind all night, making about eight or nine knots, and reaching the island for which she had set out."

19 Men, One Woman To Plan New Britain

Nineteen men and one woman were named by Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings, as members of a consultative panel who will help him to plan the New Britain.

Lord Reith stated that he expected to receive shortly a report from the committee set up under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Uthwatt on the best methods of stopping speculation in site values in bombed areas.

The new panel will give expert advice to this committee which is now working out details for the machinery of replanning.

The panel includes ten architects and town planning experts, headed by Professor L. Patrick Abercrombie (just appointed town planning adviser to the L.C.C.) and Mr W. H. Ansell, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Sir Walter Citrine, Lord Bulfour of Burleigh; Dr L. Dudley Stamp, director of the Land Utilisation Survey; Sir Montague Barlow, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of the Industrial Population, and four other members of the same Commission; together with representatives of local authorities such as Gloucestershire and Lancashire, Leeds and Liverpool.

The Woman Member

The woman member is Mrs Lionel Hichens, a member of the Royal Commission on Distribution of Industrial Population.

Lord Reith said he envisaged a central planning authority empowered to take bold, comprehensive decisions on utilisation of land, location of population in relation to industry, creation of national parks, trunk roads, etc.

The central authority would lay down the broad outlines of its plans, and hand them over to regional authorities.

Below the regions there would be provision for the collaboration of the "smallest efficient planning units," whose ground knowledge would enable them to fill in the detail.

Test surveys for the reconstruction of Birmingham, Coventry and Bristol have already proved, in Lord Reith's view, that pre-war administrative boundaries will have to be disregarded. Present town and country planning laws will have to go back into the melting pot.

SANG IN BOMBED HOSTEL

--Brave Nurses

When a shower of fire bombs fell on their South London hostel during a recent raid nurses climbed on to the roof and sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning" as they fought the flames.

As soon as the incendiaries had been put out the girls went off on their cycles as the raid continued to tend the sick and injured patients.

These "Florence Nightingales on cycles"—the District Nurses—have just been commended for their heroic work by Queen Mary.

"It is really wonderful how you are carrying on," she wrote in a letter to Miss Mercy Wilmshurst, general superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Amid Debris

"During the Plymouth raids our nurses went out looking for their sick patients. They searched wreckage, and sometimes managed to get people out alive." Miss Wilmshurst told the press.

"They lit fires with debris wood, to sterilise their instruments, and they continued their rounds sometimes working without gas, light, or water.

"But to all our women, raid risks are just part of their job now. No bomb would stop them from visiting their patients."

Swedish Overseas Trade Kept Up Despite Heavy Handicaps

NEW YORK.—Although Britain now permits five Swedish ships a month to pass through the blockade, numerous difficulties still stand in the way of Swedish overseas trade.

Latest estimates of Swedish shipping losses announced by Swedish sources here, show a total of 85 vessels aggregating more than 200,000 tons have been sunk. About 500 officers and men have been fatalities.

In addition, while no general permit is needed, each shipment must be covered with special naval certificate or "navicert," thus involving sometimes as many as 500 separate licenses for a single cargo ship. This entails an enormous amount of preliminary negotiations before a ship can sail.

Under the British blockade agreement, which says that one of the five ships going to Sweden must come from a British port, it is stipulated that a corresponding number of ships of equal tonnage be allowed to leave westward so that the Swedish tonnage inside the blockade remains at the same level.

Shipments Get Through

Nevertheless, shipments are getting through to Sweden from the United States. On March 16 the 4,000-ton motor freighter Vasaholm of the Swedish-American-Mexico Line entered Gothenburg, Sweden, with a mixed cargo direct from New York.

On March 4 the 7,800-ton steamer Tynningoe owned by the Rex Company of Stockholm, arrived from the United States with foodstuffs. It also carried delayed Christmas presents and food gifts to private individuals, such as dried fruits and soap.

On February 25 the Swedish motorship Gimaran loaded with 6,000 tons of important freight, chiefly cotton and tin plate, arrived direct from Galveston.

Exports to the United States were reopened with the arrival in New York on April 3 of the Swedish freighter Stegeholm from Gothenburg.

Since March 4, however, it is known that at least four Swedish freighters have been sunk.

Divorce For Officer Once In Colony

A decree nisi was granted by the President, Lord Merriman, in the Divorce Court recently to Colonel Thomas John Robert Langmaid, of Hailsham, Sussex, on the ground of the adultery of Mrs Helen Rose Langmaid with the co-respondent, Colonel Hugh Alexander Urquhart. The suit was not defended.

The husband's case was that when he returned to his wife in 1931, after several years in India and Hongkong, she admitted she was interested in Colonel Urquhart, and later she and the co-respondent occupied a flat together in Pembridge Gardens, W.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

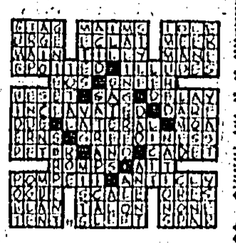
ACROSS

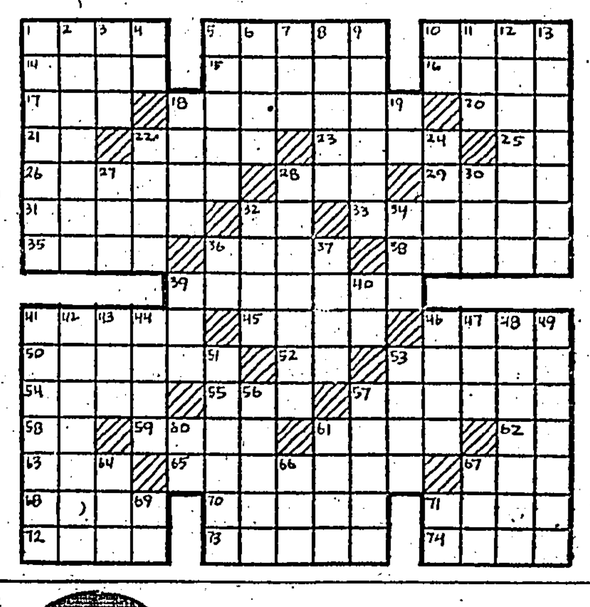
1—Top of head
5—Frightening experience
10—Prepare luggage for traveling
14—Tiniest portion of matter
15—Eagle's claw
16—Plant of lily family
17—Filthy place
18—Reason
20—Brew containing alcohol
21—Seventh note of scale
22—Breather hole
23—Cross between horse and donkey
25—Preposition
26—Requiring prompt attention
28—Custom
29—Eugene
31—Rises on hind legs
32—According to nature (Latin abbr.)
33—Humiliates
35—Diversion
36—Strikes
38—Grown person
39—Critics' articles
41—Am in accord
43—Biblical name
44—Parts of circles
50—Raises from birth
52—And (French)
53—Lively
54—Section of track
55—Of ancient lineage
57—Women about to be married
58—Printer's measure
59—Inflamed spot
61—Patron saint of sailors
62—In same manner
63—Friend (French)
65—Villifies
67—Fifty-six
68—Variety of carnelian
70—Closed automobile
71—Rear of sole
72—Woody plant
73—Tendency
74—French river

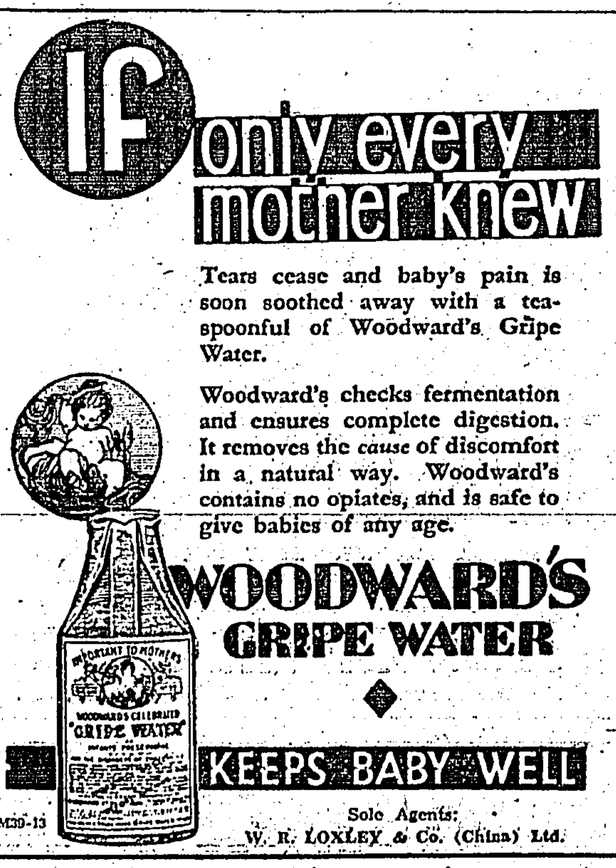
DOWN

1—Meadow for cattle feeding
2—Dressed
3—Plaything
4—Two ens
5—Tricky performance
6—Wheeled vehicle
7—High peak
8—House divisions
9—Follows
10—Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
11—Armpit
12—Army officer
13—Most sharp
18—Writing instruments
19—Elevated (col.)
22—Extremely
24—English oath, expressing surprise
27—English oath, expressing surprise
28—With no record kept of duration
30—Ostrich-like bird
32—One of worshipped Hindu trinity
34—Owns
36—That boy
37—Capital
39—Scarlet
40—Military department of U. S. government (abbr.)
41—Side by side
42—Science of correct language
43—Portugese money of account
44—Lampreys
46—Discount on foreign bills of exchange
47—Free, as from annoyance
48—Divides forcibly
49—Attached by base, as leaf
51—Most painful
53—Lethal weapons
56—Bar used to obtain mechanical advantage
57—Mixture
60—Conjunction
61—Ardor (French)
64—Wrath
66—Governor-general of Philippines in 1906
67—Roumanian francs
69—Prefix: out
71—Exclamation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE







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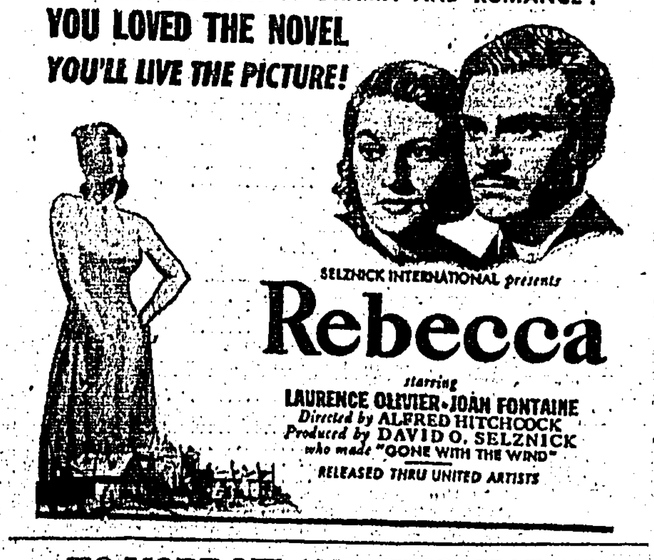

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Petain Repeats Denials

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a message to the people of Syria, said that the attack was led "as at Dakar, by Frenchmen serving under a dissident flag."

"Supported by the British Imperial Forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the empire and French sovereignty. Painful as is the event; France is faithful to her word and can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking a blow against her former ally, either to-day or previously at Mer el Kebir, Dakar or Sfax. Guile went before force."

Nazi Aircraft

Refuting the allegation that the Germans were landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France was preparing to hand over French colonial territory to the Germans, Marshal Petain said that the few aeroplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" had now left Syria with the exception of three or four which were not airworthy.

"You know that there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal. "You are, therefore objects of a most unjust act of aggression which revolts us. To-day for the first time French sovereignty in the Levant is threatened. Fight for a just cause and the integrity of the territory entrusted to France by history. You will know how to defend it."

Accusation

This denunciation of the British action was contained in a Vichy communique which described it as a British plan to profit by France's defeat, and "to seize her empire."

The communique, which is virtually a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly.

Blitz Over Alexandria

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Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

Exodus From Port

("REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH FLEET)

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The Nazi blitzing of Alexandria now appears to be starting in earnest, with frequent reconnaissance flights from which one aircraft was shot down this afternoon, and large scale bombing, extending even to the suburbs.

Although no official figures are available, enquiries at various hospitals indicate that very many people were killed, while the injured are very numerous.

The city to-day presented a remarkable sight with miles' long caravans of evacuating Egyptian families, who had commandeered every possible vehicle, piling them high with bedding, scanty furniture and ancient horned gramophones, while the less fortunate slowly plodded along the roads leading from the city with bedding and other bundles perched on their heads, carrying children and driving a few miserable goats ahead of them.

Taxis And Trains Full

Whole families of from eight to ten people crowded into taxis which were almost unavailable in town for any other purpose. The railway station throughout the day has been an indescribable spectacle, being crowded with literally thousands of Arabs boarding special and ordinary trains on which it was impossible to make normal reservations.

Owing to the structure of the native houses, which are mostly mud, the bombs cause great havoc, especially as the poorer quarters are extremely congested. Despite this exodus, there are no signs of panic or disorder, only resentment at the German ruthlessness.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA

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tachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus, according to the Vichy agency.

No Fighter Opposition

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters covering the Allied troops advancing into Syria encountered no opposition.

Beirut Bombed Twice

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. to-day twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

R.A.F. Support

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Fighter support for Allied troops in Syria is revealed in a special R.A.F. Middle East communique to-night.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn to-day. Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

"R.A.F. fighter aircraft intercepted and shot down a Cant 100 bombers over Alexandria this afternoon and the aircraft crashed near Agame."

Advance From Iraq

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report.

MYSTERY V.C.'s NEW AWARD

A mystery V.C. in the last war who also won the D.S.C. has now won the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' decoration.

He is Commander Harold Auten. In the last war he commanded H.M.S. Stock Force, one of the "Q" ships which combated U-boats.

H.M.S. Stock Force, although seriously damaged by a torpedo, retaliated with such effect that the U-boat was sunk.

No details of Commander Auten's award could be published at the time and when he received the V.C. in the quadrangle of Buckingham Palace the band played "Hush, hush, hush—here comes the bogey man"—to the amusement of King George V. and the spectators.

Service Men's Dependants

Fixing Allowances

Details of the concessions in allowances to dependants of men in the three Services—other than their wives and children—to which Mr Richard Law, War Office Financial Secretary, referred in the House of Commons recently, were given in a White Paper.

In determining the allowance, the needs of dependants will be ascertained in the same way as applicants for assistance under the Means Test Act.

Only the income of these dependants and any sub-dependants will be examined and aggregated. If the dependant is a child under 16 the income of the parent or guardian and of any other sub-dependants of the household will be examined and aggregated.

The amount of allowance will be determined by relating the total net income arrived at to the number of persons whose income has been examined. It will also depend on the net contribution made by the serving man before enlistment.

Three Sided Advance On Syria

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are Zare, Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus.

Forces From Palestine

Forces from Palestine are apparently using the Haifa-Beirut coast road.

Agronsky commented that the only way the Germans can help Vichy in Syria is by air and the next few days will show if they are successful.

Meantime, he says, the British are believed to have made effective political ground-work in Syria before beginning military action.

Dentz Leads Troops

VICHY, June 8 (UP).—It is reported that de Gaullist troops attacked from the direction of Amman. General Dentz is personally commanding the defenders in the field. The Government statement described the invasion as "unjustified aggression. We will defend the Empire to the full extent of our strength."

Fighting Proceeding

BEIRUT, June 8 (UP).—The British attacked the French frontiers in southern Lebanon, Syria and the fighting is still proceeding. All schools are closed.

Airfield Bombed

VICHY, June 8 (UP).—A French communique from Beirut states that the British attack on Syria started at 3.45 a.m., adding, "contact has been established with the enemy advance posts. British planes bombed the Mezze airfield near Damascus where there was some damage but no victims."

According To Plan

CAIRO, June 8 (UP).—Allied forces under command of General Wilson advanced on Syria at 2 a.m. to-day and the advance is reported to be proceeding according to plan.

Wilson In Charge Of Operations

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tries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab co-operation in this task."

Petain's Appeal

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a message to Frenchmen in Syria, calls on them to "fight in a just cause and for the integrity of territory entrusted to France by history."

Hold Conference

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan hurriedly conferred as soon as news of the advance into Syria reached Vichy, states Rome Radio.

LATE NEWS

Stalin To Help Feed Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—A significant and friendly gesture has been made to Finland intended to alleviate the food shortage, it was disclosed to-day.

The Foreign Trade Commissariat issued a communique stating that Finland had failed to fulfill her obligations under the trade agreement which was signed after the conclusion of the war.

Nevertheless, in view of Finland's food difficulties, M. Stalin himself on May 30 promised the immediate delivery of 20,000 tons of grain and food-stuffs in addition to 15,000 tons which have already been delivered. Seven thousand five hundred tons of grain have already been landed.

LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

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precedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."

Long Line of Attack

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—British and Free French forces are attacking Syria along a line stretching from Merj Ayoum, near the Lebanese coast, to the southern point of Djebel Druz country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

There is no continuous front but the Allies are attempting to advance in single columns at widely separated points.

The R.A.F. to-day raided Beirut, the chief port in Syria and Labanon, setting fire to the oil dumps, according to a second communique issued by General Dentz's headquarters at Beirut.

It says: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves brilliantly along the whole line.

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles were destroyed.

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result, but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a small fire.

"Aerodromes of Mezze (near Damascus), Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused."

Importance Of British Advance

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supplies are low and her air force is in bad condition.

The British must reckon on serious opposition from Germany because the Luftwaffe is in a position to send swarms of bombers and fighters to the Iran bases which are already prepared.

Aside from the reinforcements from England, the R.A.F. has recently received shipments of American bombers and fighters which have materially strengthened their position.

It is understood from authoritative circles that the Germans for some time have been using the Syrian and Lebanon air bases for their attacks on the British fortresses in Iraq and also that air defence Germans have arrived at Aleppo, Many German "tourists" have also entered Syria.

Nazi Troops in Syria

ANKARA, June 8 (UP).—Reliable quarters to-day asserted that there are now between 5,000 and 6,000 German troops in Syria supported by 200 planes, which are said to be sufficient to retard the British-de Gaullist advance until German reinforcements arrive, which will presumably be air borne.

ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST

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bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated pilots on Saturday on their success.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command yesterday carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

Three British bombers and one fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

Attack On Brest

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest was described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked the docks and shipping at Bergen during the night.

No British bombers were lost.

British Act Just In Time

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son, has issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country, that they would immediately be enabled to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain.

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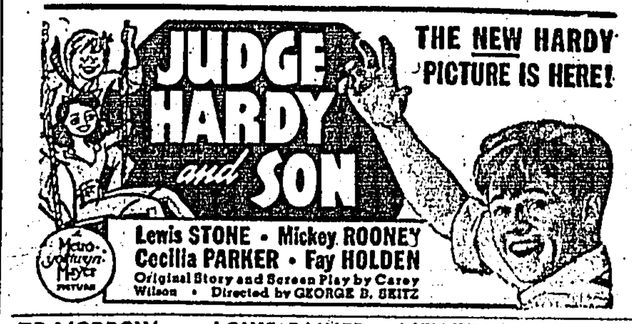

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Charges Made Against Dollar-a-Year Men

Senator Harry S. Truman disclosed recently that the U.S. Senate Defence Investigating Committee was inquiring into reports that certain dollar-a-year government officials had profited from the sale of commercial and pleasure ships to the Navy.

Senator Truman told reporters that committee agents were investigating at least three specific instances where persons connected with the national defence programme were reported to have purchased vessels and later turned them to the Navy at a "tremendous" profit.

"From the reports that have come to us," Mr Truman said, "these people were in a position to know what the Navy needed and they went out and bought it and sold it to the Navy."

Mr Truman said if the investigation bore out the charges the matter would be aired at a public hearing.

Navy's Purchases

A recent report showed that since Jan. 1, 1940, the Navy had purchased 180 commercial and pleasure vessels of all types—including 17 yachts—for conversion to military uses. Total cost of these ships was $272,540,230.

Earl Of Erroll's English Estate

The Earl of Erroll, who is alleged to have been murdered in Nairobi (Kenya) on Jan. 24, left English estate of £5,000.

His will, made in 1930, left all his property on trust for life to his second wife—who died in 1939—and then failing issue, to his brother and sister.

Racing "An Asset To The Country"

Racing was defended as a "valuable national asset" by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, speaking at York recently.

Dealing with alleged waste of feeding-stuffs involved in keeping race-horses in training, he said that if fed to hens, the 5,000 to 6,000 tons of oats consumed annually by the horses would produce one-quarter of an egg for each member of the population.

"Dogs in this country," he said, "including pet dogs, are estimated to consume the equivalent of one week's food for the whole human population. Cats drink many million gallons of milk a year, and we need milk more than we need cats."

The Earl of Harewood, a Steward of the Jockey Club, said he had received many letters, mostly abusive, telling him that the food of the country was eaten by racehorses. He thanked Mr Hudson for coming out with a policy in favour of horse-racing continuing.

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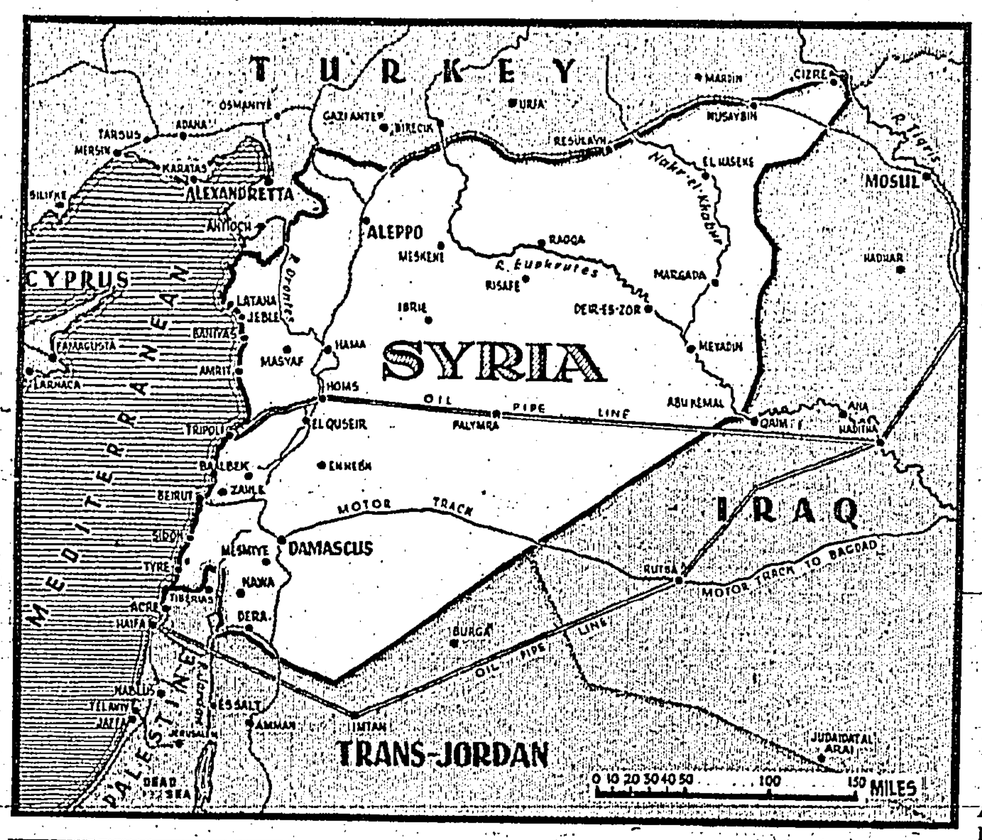
FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA AS ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCE

First Encounters 25 Miles Inside Border

VICHY, JUNE 8 (REUTER).—FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA ARE GOING ON IN THE MOUNTAINS OF DJEBEL DRUZ JUST SOUTH OF SUWEIDA, STATE THE FIRST DISPATCHES FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE VICHY TROOPS, GENERAL DENTZ. SUWEIDA IS ABOUT 20 MILES FROM SYRIA'S FRONTIER WITH TRANS-JORDAN AND SOME 55 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DAMASCUS.

GENERAL DENTZ'S HEADQUARTERS ARE AT BEIRUT AND THE FIRST COMMUNIQUE FROM THERE ANNOUNCES THAT THE R.A.F. BOMBED THE AERODROME OF MEZZE, NEAR DAMASCUS, ON SUNDAY MORNING, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES.



British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.45 a.m., the communique states, and "contact was made with our advance posts which engaged them in accordance with the tasks assigned to them."

ADVANCING ON DJEBEL DRUZ

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Syria are advancing in the direction of Djebel Druz, according to a Vichy dispatch to the official German news agency.

Twenty-five miles inside Syria, Djebel Druz is almost due south of Damascus, the scene of General Allenbury's triumph in the last war and east of the Sea of Galilee.

FRENCH BLOCK ROADS

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The likely line of advance is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut.

It is known that the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well-known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission, but it is known that they have some tanks and armoured cars.

Cairo Report

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Allied troops have made some progress in Syria although it is not known whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French.

Authoritative circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

Southerly March

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction, according to a Vichy Government announcement quoted by the German radio.

Vichy Agency's Claim

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—"Strong motorised and armoured de-
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Leads Troops Into Syria

LIEUT-GEN. H. M. WILSON

Britain Seizes Initiative In Syria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—Britain seized the initiative from Germany for the first time when strong British and Free French forces invaded French Syria to-day, striking towards Beirut and Damascus.

A proclamation stating that Lebanon is a "free and independent State" was dropped by British planes as motorised columns smashed across the frontiers to drive out the German forces which were already established in the French mandate.

The invasion was launched at 2 a.m. against the French forces which are reported to be ill equipped and of low morale. Their number is estimated at 50,000.

Purpose of Invasion

The purpose of the invasion is officially described as a move to frustrate German infiltration, "which is in flagrant conflict with Marshal Petain's recent declaration promising that France would not move against Britain."

The British forces are commanded by General Sir Henry Wilson.

In the abortive Iraqi revolt, the Germans used air bases in Syria and Lebanon to attack the British forces, while strong German air force units had established bases at Aleppo and other strategic points. Many of the Germans arrived in Syria as "tourists."

Not Another Dakar

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—It is believed that the Allied forces are determined to prevent another Dakar fiasco and will attempt the complete occupation of Syria regardless of the weight of resistance.

Authoritative circles in Cairo stated that the move is designed as a political operation, but that it might become a military one bore out this theory. The British purpose of a blockade is believed to carry weight at least among the inhabitants of Syria who are reported to be suffering from a food shortage, especially bread.

As far as the French army is concerned, the "Sunday Pictorial" claimed that General Weygand refused to participate in the defence of Syria on the grounds that he regarded it as mandated and not
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THREE SIDED ADVANCE ON SYRIA

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large-scale three-sided attack from the British-controlled territories of Palestine, Trans-Jordan and Iraq," reported the correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Martin, Agronsky, from the Ankara radio early this morning.

He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

The main British objectives, according to Agronsky's information, are Zare, Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus.

Forces From Palestine

Forces from Palestine are apparently using the Haifa-Beirut coast road.

Agronsky commented that the only way the Germans can help Vichy in Syria is by air and the next few days will show if they are successful.

Meantime, he says, the British are believed to have made effective political ground-work in Syria before beginning military action.

Dentz Leads Troops

VICHY, June 8 (UP).—It is reported that de Gaullist troops attacked from the direction of Amman. General Dentz is personally commanding the defenders in the field. The Government statement describ-
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Plain Words From Mr Menzies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MELBOURNE, June 8 (UP).—Broadcasting over a national hook-up, the Premier, Mr R. G. Menzies, stated that there was a widespread feeling of confusion about the war in the Middle East.

A disappointment was admittedly bitter "but we must not, if we are to avoid impairing our own morale, get into the habit of regarding every defeat as a reason for blaming somebody else. This is to ignore the truth that we are largely ourselves blameworthy that for years while Germany re-armed feverishly the British people were immersed in good-natured slumber."

Air Operations In Mid. East

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Benghazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by Axis forces, was turned into a blazing inferno by R.A.F. bombers on Friday night for the second night in succession.

Fires raging among the military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by the bombers until they could be seen 80 miles away.

Abyssinia

To-night's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which reports the raid, also refers to the attack on Derna aerodrome and Bara and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia.

R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations.

ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST & MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced to-day further blows by the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Saturday in the three-months old daylight campaign against enemy shipping from Norway to the Mediterranean.

It was already announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and that two ships were set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, it is also disclosed, bomb and machine-gun attacks were again made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in a convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships was bombed and set on fire. Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

Three Months' Record

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F.
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Fleet Leaves Gibraltar

Merchantmen Arrive

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The British aircraft carriers, Ark Royal and Furious, the battle cruiser Renown and the cruiser Sheffield, with flotillas of torpedo boats and submarines, left Gibraltar for the Mediterranean at dawn this morning, says a dispatch from Lalinen.

It is also reported from Lalinen that 10 merchant ships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar this morning.

Blitz Over Alexandria

All Night Raid With Incendiaries

ALEXANDRIA, June 8 (Reuter).—While British and Free French forces entered Syria, the Germans launched their second savage air attack on Alexandria, subjecting the city to yet another vicious all-night blitz.

Nazi squadrons swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes showered heavy explosive and incendiary bombs far and wide, causing death and destruction at several points in the city.

Considerable damage was done in European and Arab residential quarters alike, and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires Extinguished

Fires were started but they were promptly controlled.

The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst an inferno of screaming and exploding shells, the enemy seemed determined to press home the attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objectives.

The roaring of anti-aircraft gunfire died away towards dawn when
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LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

British Warships Take Part

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with tommy guns on the coast of Lebanon south of Beirut this morning was made to-night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut.

The agency asserts that the troops were "promptly taken prisoner."

Latest Position

The latest position of the fighting in Syria is given by the Vichy agency to-night. It says: "Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and Gaullist troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus. Our troops of all arms, whom this un-
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Former HK Resident Missing

A former Hongkong resident, Mr John R. Greaves, who has been serving with the Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East, is reported to be missing. He was wounded during the drive on Bardia in December last, and when last heard from was preparing to rejoin his unit after recovery.

Malta Fights Off Raiders

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—From Malta comes an official account of the raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly, dropped bombs which caused light civilian damage and no casualties. There was no service damage or casualty.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another was so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

This morning enemy aircraft approached the coast but the raid did not materialise.

ABYSSINIA

Prisoners And Booty Captured

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique states:

"Abyssinia.—After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward. At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands.

"In addition, we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material.

"The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued.

"Iraq.—The situation remains calm.

"Libya.—In Tobruk, artillery on both sides has been active."

U.S. War With Nazis "Just Around Corner"

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UP).—Two high members of the Administration stated to-day that the United States faces the gravest threat in her history. They warned that the country will have to make sacrifices and "that we may have our measure of blood, sweat and tears."

The Under-Secretary of War, Mr Robert P. Patterson asserted that "war with Germany may be just around the corner." He added that United States faces the future unafraid.

The Budget Director, Mr Harold Smith said that the nation faced its gravest threat in history—military, psychological and economic.

"What we do may well determine the whole future course of history, not for ourselves alone, but the entire world," he said.

Mr Patterson, in a speech at Rutgers University charged that the French leaders had become so physically and spiritually bankcrupt that they have evidently undertaken to help (Germany) to enslave others.

He labelled Hitler's recent state-
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Japan Postpones Her Showdown with N.E.I.

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UP).—The Foreign Editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, Mr William Philipps Sims, today stated that the postponement of the showdown between Japan and the Dutch East Indies is rewarded in Washington as an indication that Japan is not seeking a crisis with the United States, at least not now.

After months of negotiations, the Japanese announced that unless a satisfactory answer was received from the N.E.I. by noon, Friday, the consequences might be grave. While the outcome is still somewhat uncertain, the time limit has passed without any explosive results.

The gravity of the dispute remains as great as ever and there are no signs that the Japanese militarists abandoned their intention to invade the islands. Such an invasion would
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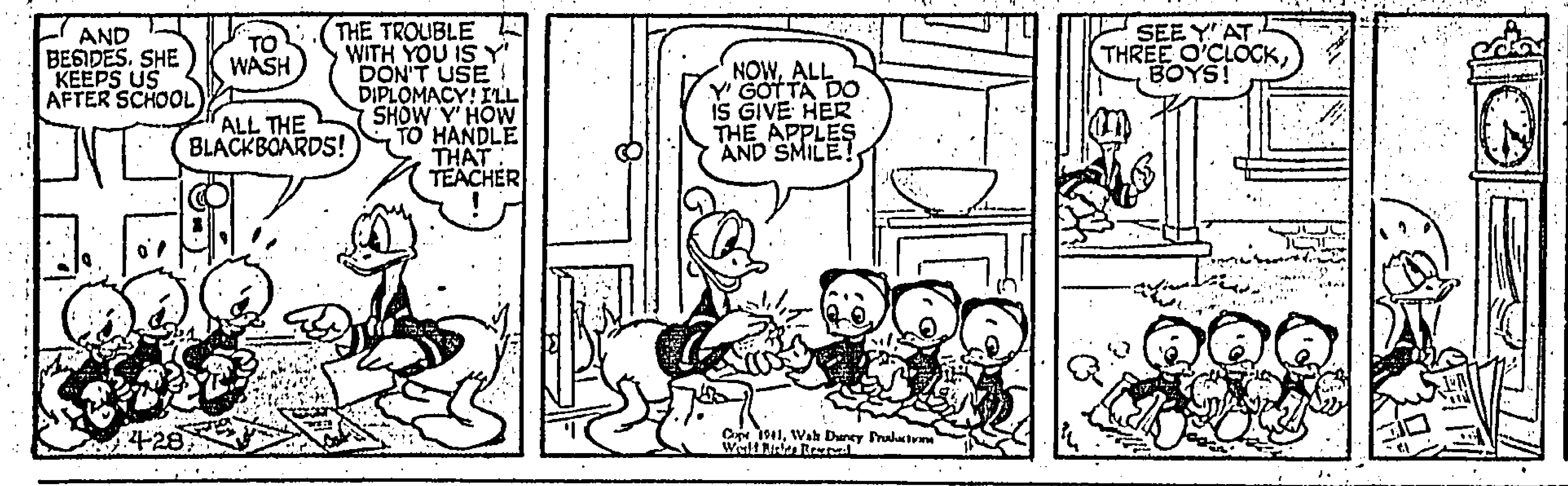
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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THE HONGKONG NATURALIST, Vol. X nos. 3 and 4. Price $4 (postage extra). Now on sale at South China Morning Post Ltd.

German Planes Over Turkey

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—German planes are rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatal, in south-western Turkey, by night towards Aleppo.

They were outside the range of anti-aircraft guns, the reports add.

Mr Matsuoka Throws A Smoke Screen

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Ever since the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, received a letter from the Anti-Smoking League pleading earnestly that he should drop his pipe smoking, letters for and against smoking have been arriving from all parts of the country.

This morning Mr Matsuoka, with pipe in his mouth as usual, was glancing over some of these comments on the merits and evils of smoking when he came to a long box containing a scroll and a letter. The scroll turned out to be an ancient picture of a fierce looking beggar blowing smoke from his mouth while the letter read, "we think this is a good resemblance of you."

Mr Matsuoka thoughtfully puffed at his pipe and took a second look at the picture remarking dryly, "smoking is a habit with me now, but I think you young people should quit smoking by all means."

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Hongkong, 7th June, 1941.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson & Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. H. K. COBB,
Manager for the Far East.

Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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China and Macao
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British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
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Sequel To Air Raid Horror

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Central News).—In addition to meeting out disciplinary punishment, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered that a thorough investigation be made of the case in which a large number of people were suffocated to death in an underground tunnel in Chungking during the Japanese air raid on the morning of June 6.

The Generalissimo has ordered the formation of a committee to investigate the case under General Wu Te-chen.

Soviets Uncover A Racket

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—The official "Izvestia" to-day reported the discovery of an illegal underground women's goods factory in Moscow.

The trial of twenty operators revealed that the defendants looted the material for State-owner plants and employed private workers.

MAY BE FEINT FOR EGYPT

Possible German Tactics

ANKARA, June 8 (Reuter).—Well-informed circles here are wondering whether the German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It is pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in face of the heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before the German preparations for a Libyan attack is complete.

Turkey's Position

Turkey's own position is benefited by the withdrawal of German troops from Greece and Bulgaria, mainly to Moldavia, and military experts express the opinion that it will take the Germans at least a month to build up armies in these areas to their former strength.

Tokyo Press On Uncle Sam's Fleet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Pointing out the mounting tide of patriotism in the United States and the improved quality of American sailors, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" warns the Japanese people against underestimating the United States Navy's fighting power.

The traditional idea of most Japanese about American sailors has been that they join in the service "only to see the world" or that they are so pampered that they will make strictly third-class seamen.

Citing statistics, the paper shows that recent applications for the Naval service were more than ten times the acceptable number. Moreover, a large proportion of the enlisted men is drawn from the tough Scandinavian sea-loving stock.

Fighting Spirit

Commending the high fighting spirit shown by the American Navy throughout its history, the "Yomiuri" says that it has a noble tradition. In the study of naval strategy, the United States ranks in excellence with Germany. There is no other country where the Government and the people are so interested in the strategy of naval warfare as the United States.

Discussing the relative scarcity of higher naval officers, the paper says that the reason is because the rate of advancement is much slower than in other navies which means that the United States Navy has any number of officers among the lower ranks who are capable of taking over the duties of commanders.

How Will Cripps Go To U.K.?

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—The "Democraten's" Berlin correspondent, commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow, says that the German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London since any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

A complete silence is maintained here on the subject.

Polish Destroyer Met Bismarck Fire

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—The part played by the Polish destroyer, Piorun, in the operations against the Bismarck is described in an Admiralty communique to-night as "very gallant and efficient."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi battleship in a "most spirited manner" after being the first in the destroyer force to spot the enemy. She sustained no damage or casualties although she came under heavy fire from the Bismarck.

Portuguese Building Excellent New Port

LISBON, June 8 (Reuter).—It is announced that the new port which will be constructed at Luanda, capital of Angola, will be one of the finest along the whole African coast.

It will be built by the Anglo-Dutch Engineering and Oil Works Limited.

The mole will be 330 yards long, 180 yards wide and will accommodate ships of 33 feet draught.

Petain Repeats Denials

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a message to the people of Syria, said that the attack was led "as at Dakar, by Frenchmen serving under a dissident flag."

"Supported by the British Imperial Forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the empire and French sovereignty. Painful as is the event, France is faithful to her word and can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking a blow against her former ally, either to-day or previously at Mer el Kebir, Dakar or Sfax. Guile went before force."

Nazi Aircraft

Refuting the allegation that the Germans were landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France was preparing to hand over French colonial territory to the Germans, Marshal Petain said that the few aeroplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" had now left Syria with the exception of three or four which were not airworthy.

"You know that there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal. "You are, therefore objects of a most unjust act of aggression which revolts us. To-day for the first time French sovereignty in the Levant is threatened. Fight for a just cause and the integrity of the territory entrusted to France by history. You will know how to defend it."

Accusation

This denunciation of the British action was contained in a Vichy communique which described it as a British plan to profit by France's defeat, and "to seize her empire."

The communique, which is virtually a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly.

Wealth In China's Northwest

Hopes that by utilising the idle capital in Shanghai and Hongkong and in collaboration with the industrialists in Shensi, a large scale industrial concern will be established for the development of the vast untapped resources in that province were expressed in an interview by Mr Yu Ya-ching, prominent Shanghai businessman and Chinese councillor of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who returned here a few days ago from Chungking.

Ruman Iron Guards Still Defy Law

Heavy Prison Sentences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, June 8 (UP).—A report from Bucharest officially states that a military court has sentenced to from three to fifteen years imprisonment, 44 Iron Guard agitators who defied the law by singing their Iron Guard song on June 1 during the German-Rumanian football match. Two women were included in the group who were sentenced and 40 others were acquitted.

Divorce Petition Succeeds

A petition for divorce was brought by Mr Joseph George Meyer before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Divorce Court this morning. Mrs Dorothy Meyer was named as Respondent and Mr Odd Erik Fingalson named as co-Respondent. The suit was stated to have been brought on the grounds of adultery.

The Hon. Mr Leo d' Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Petitioner.

A decree nisi was granted.

German-Russian Negotiations

STOCKHOLM, June 8 (Reuter).—While both London and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernible.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand London	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102
T.T. India	82⅝
T.T. U.S.A.	24⅛
T.T. Manila	48¼
T.T. Batavia	45¼
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	104½
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102½
T.T. Australia	1/0½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.03½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,322½ n.
H.K. Banks £	75¼ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	79 n.
Chartered £	8¾ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23⅞ n.
Mercantile C £	11⅛ n.
East Asia $	71¼ n.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	220 b.
Union $	410 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n
H. K. Fire $	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	128 n.
Steamboats $	8 n
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/7½ n.
Waterboats $	6.55 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	87 n.
Docks $	14.60 b.
Provident $	5.10 b.
S'hai Dockyards $	25½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	11 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n
LANDS	
Hotels $	2.90 b.
Lands $	31½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	13.00 n.
Humphreys $	6.40 n.
H.K. Realties $	3 sa.
Chinese Estates $	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16.20 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	x.d. 7 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	x.d. 3¼ n.
Star Ferries $	61¾ n.
Y. Ferries $	21.35 n.
China Lights (old) $	5.85 b.
China Lights (new) $	1¼ b.
H.K. Electric (old) x rts $	22 n.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	21 b.
H.K. Electrics Rts $	11.15 s.
Macao Electrics $	18.60 n.
Sandakan Lights $ x.d.	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	22. sa.
Telephones (new) $	9¼ n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	13.20 b.
H.K. Ropes $	6.90 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17 b.
Watsons $	9.60 n.
Lane Crawfords $	7¼ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n
Wing On (H.K.) $	30 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1½ n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	34 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	265 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	94½ sa.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	28 n.
Entertainments $	6¼ b.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.20 n
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/1½ n.

Bernhard In Canada

OTTAWA, June 8 (Reuter).—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has arrived unexpectedly from England for a fortnight's visit to Princess Juliana and his two daughters.

Rangoon To Thailand Broadcast Started

RANGOON, June 8 (Reuter).—A new daily programme for Thai listeners, begun last evening from Rangoon, has evoked considerable interest in Thailand.

The programme was inaugurated by a message from the Premier, Mr Usaw, followed by the President of the Senate.

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7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Songs by Theodore Challapine.

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7.40 Tchaikowsky—Romeo & Juliet —Overture Fantasie.

Willem Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Programme & Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.05 The Andrews Sisters.

8.15 London Relay — "Quiet, Please!"—1.

Almost a riot, with Forsythe, Seamon, and Farrell, Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, Helen Hill, and Hermione Baddeley, BBC Chorus and Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell, produced by Tom Ronald.

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.

Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht), Orchestra Mascotte; When a Woman Smiles; Goodbye. Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine"), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Pierre Fresnay & Orch.; Ballroom Memories — Waltz Potpourri (arr. Robrecht), Orchestra Mascotte; Au Clair de la Lune (Lulli), Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin; Over Land and Sea—Waltz Potpourri (arr. Gotz Hohne), Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Piano duets by Moreton & Kaye.

10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—6.

10.30 Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestras.

11.0 Close Down.

Bomber Fund Munificence

A munificent donation of $20,000 to the Bomber Fund was received on Saturday from Mr F. C. Hall, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. This represents Mr Hall's second donation within the first twelve months of the Fund, the same gentleman having given $15,000 when the Bomber Fund was started. A second cheque for $5,000 was also received from the Fellowship of the Bellows.

The total on Saturday reached $2,163,122.25 with the following donations:

Mr and Mrs H. S. (monthly donation)	$ 10
Mr R. W. Smith (second donation)	25
Messrs Mackintosh's, Ltd.	500
United Delivery Co., Ltd.	1,000
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China Bros. Hat Mfg. Co.	500
The Fellowship of the Bellows (second donation)	5,000
Irene (fifth donation)	150
"Couldn't Resist a Burleigh"	50

The following donations were received on Saturday in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Hongkong Cricket Club	$ 10
Miss Barbara Cartwright	2
Mr & Mrs H. Overy	5
J. L. R.	10
David and Shirley Fantham	5
Miss E. R. Bliss	2

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941: Previously acknowledged, $9,068; Mr W. R. Lambert, $5; Sassoon Banking Co., Ltd, $50; the Texas Co. (China) Ltd, $50, Bank of Communications, $25; Netherlands Trading Society, $25; Mr and Mrs G. R. Ross, $10. Total $9,233.

The *S. C. M. Post* has received the following donation to the Salvation Army in memory of the late Mr F. G. Herridge:

Mr and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, $5.

Shell Factory Destroyed

Unexplained Fire

WHEELING, West Virginia, June 8 (Reuter).—A fire has "practically destroyed" the Wheeling Machine Products Company factory, which was making shell fittings.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Sunday shift of workmen fled to safety and the flames spread rapidly through the sprawling building.

The banks of the Ohio River are on fire.

An inspector said that the plant is practically destroyed.

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The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H.K. $2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H.K.$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A.".

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, June 10 .... June 17.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th June .... July 1.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Monday, June 9

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. .... June 9, 4 p.m.
Ord. .... June 9, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. .... June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... June 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .... June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... June 17, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. .... July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... July 1, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .... July 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... July 1, 7 p.m.

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Sunday

June 1

More Defence Regulations. Additional Defence Regulations relating to looting and kindred offences and the forcing of safeguards—any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting any premises or place—are announced in the *Government Gazette*.

They are as follows:

10A.—(1) Any person who endeavours to force a safeguard shall be liable to suffer death, or imprisonment for life, or on summary conviction, imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

(3) In this regulation the expression "safeguard" means any party of His Majesty's forces posted for the purpose of protecting, or of preventing on controlling access to, any premises or place, or for the purpose of regulating traffic on any road, railway or inland navigation, and includes any sentry being a member of the said forces posted for any of the purposes aforesaid.

(4) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Looting Offences

34A.—(1) If in an area which has been subjected to attack by the enemy, whether by means of aircraft or otherwise, or in any area to which this regulation has been applied by order of the Governor, any person—

(a) steals any article from premises which have been damaged by war operations or vacated by reason of attack by the enemy or in consequence of any authorized directions given for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy or of protecting persons and property from the dangers involved in any such attack; or

(b) steals any article which has been left exposed or unprotected as a consequence of war operations or

(c) enters any premises, damages any property, assaults any person, or is found with any offensive weapon or house-breaking instrument, with intent to commit any offence punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for more than three years, he shall be liable to suffer death or imprisonment for life or on summary conviction imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(2) No person shall be committed for trial at the Supreme Court for any offence alleged to have been committed against this regulation except with the consent of the Attorney General.

Areas Affected

(3) The Governor may by order direct that this regulation shall apply to any area in which, in his opinion, there is, or is likely to be special difficulty in preserving public order by reason of any measure taken for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by the enemy.

(4) In this regulation the expression "authorized directions" means any order or direction made or given in the exercise of powers conferred by these regulations or made or given by any officer of His Majesty's forces.

(5) A person sentenced to death after conviction on indictment of an offence against this regulation shall be dealt with in like manner as persons convicted on indictment of murder.

Death Of Mr R. B. Brown. Though he had been unwell for some time the death of Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's butchery and shipping department, at Matilda Hospital this evening was comparatively sudden. He had been in hospital for only a day.

Mr Brown was aged 43 years. A native of Glasgow, he came to the Colony 10 years ago to join the Dairy Farm staff and his steady association with that firm, generally at the Kowloon branch, assisted in making him well-known and popular.

During a keen period of service with the Hongkong Volunteers Mr Brown was associated with the Scottish Company, the Anzac Company and finally the Pay Corps. Ill-health compelled him to resign from the last-named unit about 18 months ago. He took a lively interest in Volunteer sports. He was also a member of the Kowloon Football Club.

Hongkong Mails Lost. The Postmaster General announced that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America posted in Hongkong between February 22 and March 7, 1941, and letters superscribed "By air to U.S.A. and thence by Sea," posted between March 20 and 28, 1941 have been lost by enemy action.

Monday

June 2

Presentation. The former Immigration Officer, Mr R. A. D. Forrest, was the recipient of farewell gifts from his colleagues and friends in the Immigration Department at a tea-party held in the Department's office, Marina House. There was a large gathering of the staff present.

Mr J. H. B. Lee, Acting Immigration Officer, presided, and, in presenting Mr Forrest with a smoking set, subscribed for by his friends, expressed his regret that Mr Forrest was leaving.

Mr Chan Kwok-wing, Chief Clerk of the Department, presented Mr Forrest with an album of photographs of the staff. Mr Forrest, he said, carried away with him the best sentiments of the staff. They wished him a speedy recovery of health.

Mr Forrest, in thanking Mr Lee and Mr Chan, expressed his regret at having to leave so many friends behind—friends like Mr Chan, whom he had known for over 30 years. To have worked for 22 years in the Government service established contacts which were not easily broken. He would be making his home in Sydney, Australia, and he cordially invited any member of the staff who should be touring that country to visit him.

Mr Forrest was accorded three cheers, and shook hands with every member of the staff in farewell.

May Weather. The weather for May was generally cloudy and humid with relatively little wind, except for a two-day spell in the middle of the month, states the Royal Observatory. Although rain fell on fifteen days, which is normal for May, the total for the month was well below the average. Temperatures were normal with no large variations during the period.

A maximum temperature of 88.8°F. was recorded on the 13th and the 26th; a minimum of 68.9 on the 1st and the mean for the month was 77.3 against a normal mean of 77.1. The mean relative humidity was 87, which is 3 per cent. above the normal for May. Duration of bright sunshine was 145 hours, or 12 hours below normal. A total of 5.04 inches of rain fell during the month; 60 per cent. of this fell on the three days 14th, 21st and 25th; normal rainfall for May is 11.25 inches. A maximum wind velocity of 38 miles per hour was recorded at 7.58 a.m. on the 14th.

Funeral Of Late Mr Brown. There was a large attendance at the funeral to-day of the late Mr Robert Burns Brown, of the Dairy Farm Company's Butchery and Shipping Department, who died on Sunday.

Interment was at the Colonial Cemetery, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiating. The chief mourner was the widow, and amongst those present were Messrs E. Hanlon, J. O'Sullivan, C. F. Andrews, A. D. Wyllie, E. W. Coulson, E. S. Cutcher, C. J. Grover and G. Milne (pall-bearers), the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr and Mrs A. M. Holland, Mrs F. C. Allison, Mrs R. Pestonji, Messrs J. D. Thomson, W. Mair, J. Wolfe, W. Macfarlane, P. Chessex, A. B. Coleman, S. Leonard, W. Miles, Cecil Chan, Y. Birlukoff, A. Silva and C. Neves.

Floral tributes were sent by "Loving Wife Violet," "Stepmother Margaret Brown," "Johnny and Bessie," "George and Margaret," "Cissie and Enn," "Tric and Nancy," "David and Peggy," "Ella and Sam."

Mr and Mrs G. Milne, Mr and Mrs J. D. Thomson, Mr and Mrs E. W. Coulson, Mr and Mrs J. Wolfe, Mr and Mrs Cecil T. Chan, Mr and Mrs Au Lum, W. J. F. Gardner, Mr and Mrs W. Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs A. D. Wyllie, Mr and Mrs A. B. Coleman, O. Eager, Mrs F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Snr. and Mr F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Jnr. H. Nish, Mr and Mrs Mair and family, Mr and Mrs Grover, Mr and Mrs B. W. Bradbury D. L. Newbigging, Mr and Mrs M. H. Large, Mak Chansum, Lai Min-sun, Ng Chu, Au Cheungyu, F. Alarakia, Mr and Mrs A. E. H. Castro, Mrs F. C. Allison, P. Chessex, Mr and Mrs W. H. Whitely, Wu Manwai, Choy Man-kwong, Lam King-nam, Au Shiu-wing, C. T. Cheng, Mr and Mrs G. M. C. Sequeira, G. Ho, Ho Fung, G. T. White;

Directors of Dairy Farm; Butchery Dept. Lower Albert Road; Chinese Staff, Gloucester Hotel; Gloucester Hotel; Staff, Boiler Room, Gloucester Hotel; Man Cheong; Staff, Kowloon Soda Fountain, Clover Flower Shop; Hunghom Branch, Dairy Farm; Kowloon Butchery Dept., and others.

Tuesday

June 3

Sanitation in Hongkong. New charges for the removal of nightsoil were discussed by the Urban Council to-day when it was decided to recommend that the rates be $10 a year for domestic flats and $1.10 a month per pan for non-domestic flats, payment to be made annually, half way through the period to which it applied.

Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman, presided, assisted by the Vice-Chairman, Dr N. C. MacLeod, Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr F. C. Hall, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr A. el Arculli, Dr S. N. Chau, Mr B. Wong Tape, Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Dr A. M. Rodrigues, Mr M. W. Lo, Mr C. J. Roo (Secretary), Mr Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

Mr Lo suggested that the rates be $12 and that the landlord should collect from his tenants each month.

Mr Hall, Mr Bellamy and Mr Arculli were in favour of $8 or $10 and Mr North suggested that charge should not be more than the old one. He was in favour of an $8 to $10 basis.

Mr Carrie said he could not give a guarantee that $8 would completely cover the clearing charges, but he felt it would just about do so.

Dr MacLeod moved that the Council, if satisfied there were buildings in the urban areas without sufficient and proper latrine accommodation, thereby endangering the health of the community, the owners of such buildings being liable to legal proceedings if they failed to comply with the requirements of the Council within six months of receipt of a written notice, should enforce Section 39 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance. He said:

Houses Without Latrines

Recent surveys have revealed we have about 65,000 dry latrines of which 50,000 consist of nothing more than a wooden bucket in the kitchen. There are in addition many floors used for domestic purposes which lack even this primitive and dangerous form of sanitary arrangements, the theory being, wrongly I consider, that the occupants' requirements are met by public latrines which may be several hundred yards away.

The immediate results of the lack of latrines can be seen in sewage discharging from kitchen waste water pipes, in choked and foul smelling drains and in parcels of nightsoil wrapped in newspapers being dropped from windows into the streets.

Motion Opposed

Opposing the motion Mr Wong Tape said:

On principle I do not think any member of this Council can oppose a measure providing for proper latrine accommodation; such a measure must be our goal.

However, I venture to express the opinion, that from a practical standpoint, wholesale or large scale embarkation on structural alterations to buildings at this juncture, involving the use of large quantities of cement and labour, which would be more effectively put to uses in connection with defence, is undesirable.

Moreover, the cost of materals is unusually high, and it is doubtful whether it is good policy to compel owners of property to effect improvements when there is a scarcity of materials.

Mr Lo said that while not disapproving of the suggestion he did not think the time was opportune to spend money for latrine accommodation, as he understood that about 18,000 old houses required to be altered.

It was decided that Dr MacLeod's motion be referred to a Select Committee.

League Tennis. At Sookunpoo today Kowloon beat Army 5½-3½ in the division of the tennis league.

Col Newnham and Capt Guest lost to A.E.P. Guest and F. Grose, 3-6; beat R. T. Broadbridge and F. Zimmern 6-4; drew with F. Kengelbacker and N.A.E. Mackay, 6-6.

Lt Pearce and S/Sgt Duffield lost to Guest and Gross 4-6; beat Zimmern and Broadbridge 6-4; beat Kengelbacker and Mackay 6-4.

CIVIL SERVICE V. S. CHINA

At Happy Valley, South China beat Civil Service 9-0.

J. A. Bendall and Mr Yatskin lost to S. Y. Lee and H. C. Wong 0-6; lost to W. H. Ho and P. Szeto 2-6; lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh 1-6.

B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner lost to Lee and Wong 5-7; lost to Ho and Szeto 5-7; lost to Lee and Hoh 2-6.

C. Sloan and J. Hempsey lost to Lee and Wong 1-6; lost to Ho and Szeto 2-6; lost to Lee and Hoh 0-6.

CHINESE V. K. TONG

At home, Kowloon Tong lost to Chinese 7½-1½.

F. H. Kwok and P. E. Ling lost to B. C. Luk and T. C. Chan 3-6; lost to K. L. Ho and O. L. Pang 4-6; beat S. W. Liang and P. S. Choy 6-1.

H. T. Bee and Kho lost to Luk and Chan 2-6; lost to Ho and Pang 4-6; lost to Liang and Choy 0-6.

E. Lee and C. T. Ma drew with Luk and Chan 6-6; lost to Ho and Pang 3-6; lost to Liang and Choy 2-6.

Fanling Golf. "The Royal Scots Trophy" of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the B.W.O.F., played at Fanling in April and May, resulted as follows:

J. H. C. Highet (10) and H. Overy (18), were two up and tie and will play off.

G. M. Park (6), T. Megarry (8) and E. L. Evelie (10) were 1 up. Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (15), T. A. Pearce (3) Lt-Col. E. D. Matthews (10), J. Harrop (14) and A. H. Penn (15) were all square. There were 200 entries at $1 a card.

Junior Championship

In the Junior Section Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Happy Valley, W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell, W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown, J. Young beat D. W. Beeken, and H. Smith beat T. B. Low, in the first round.

In the second round, T. C. Barclay beat F. C. Barry, Buller beat Ahern, Smith beat Young and G. E. Willerton beat J. Wald.

Fanling Bogey Pool

Playing in the Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling on May 31 and June 2, A. W. Bourne, Jr., (9) was 1 up. There were 16 entries.

Review Of The Principal Topics June 1 To June 7

Wednesday

June 4

Govt House Collapse. Two pillars of the verandah immediately below the bedroom of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, at Government House, suddenly gave way one after the other shortly after 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday. Fortunately, there were no casualties, though the damage was considerable.

The pillars were in the centre of the ground floor verandah on the north side of the building, facing the harbour, and stood on each side of the main steps leading to the lawn. The lintel slab and some masonry from the upper verandah fell on to the steps below. One or two more pillars seemed to have become dangerous.

It was learned from the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, to-day that in all probability at least a portion of both the ground floor and upper floor verandah would have to be removed—perhaps the whole of it.

As a result of the collapse, the building is considered unsafe, and His Excellency the Governor has been advised to find alternative sleeping accommodation. As a matter of fact, His Excellency spent Tuesday night at Flagstaff House where, it is understood, he is temporarily residing. This, however, does not mean that the whole of Government House will be vacated, for the staff will remain and probably sleep in the ball-room, which is not affected.

In the meantime, the portion of the verandah which is undamaged is being shored up, and every effort is being made to see if the building can be rendered safe.

It will be recalled that Government House developed numerous cracks as a result of the A.R.P. tunnelling operations, and so serious has been the damage that at one time His Excellency contemplated moving to Admiralty House. Since then, however, the repairs effected were considered to have made the building sufficiently safe for His Excellency to remain, until the sudden collapse on Tuesday.

Naval House Suffers

Tunnelling operations in the hillside of Mount Parish, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, have affected the Naval Surgeons' quarters situated just above the tunnels. It is learned that cracks have been caused, but examination shows that the damage is not serious.

Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, stated yesterday that such damage was only to be expected, and had actually occurred in many cases to buildings where tunnelling operations were being carried out.

League Tennis. Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½ in the C. Division of the tennis league to-day.

Emberton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6; beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

CRAIGENGOWER V. INDIANS

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wai-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat J. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail 6-0.

Geo Lai and Y. L. Pao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

VARSITY V. K.I.T.C.

At Pokfulam, Kowloon Indians beat University, 5½-3½.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu, 6-1, beat S. L. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0; beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sepher beat Cheah and Liu 6-3, beat Yong and Hui 6-2, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

M. Ramzan and J. Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6, lost to Yong and Hui 3-6, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

Cricketer On Leave. Harry Owen-Hughes, the well-known cricketer, has left for Australia on furlough. He is expected to be away for six months.

Also going to Australia is W. L. Rapley, K.C.C. cricketer.

Thursday

June 5

Colony's Economic War Effort. An Official statement on the Colony's proposed economic war effort has been issued, dealing with the intention to reduce consumption of imported goods while increasing local production.

The Economic War Effort Advisory Committee which is to report to Government on various questions of economic and financial policy in relation to wartime needs has been constituted as follows:

Chairman, Mr D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Committee, Professor R. Robertson, M.A., Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Walker, M.C., Messrs D. Kelvin-Stark, M. F. Key, O.B.E., P. C. M. Sedgwick, K. S. Morrison, D. C. Edmonston, A. H. Penn, Ng Chuk-wa, S. M. Churn, R. E. Hensman (acting for Mr C. Rogers), and W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The Committee's term of reference are to consider and advise as to how the Colony's contribution to the economic war effort can best be made, with particular reference to:

(a) The reduction of the consumption of imported goods without permanent injury to the entrepot trade or to post-war British trading interests, and the conservation of shipping space, e.g. by rationing;

(b) The increase of local production—(i) of goods for local consumption, and (ii) of goods required by His Majesty's Government for war purposes;

(c) The collection and diversion into the most useful channels of any savings thus effected.

Far removed as the Colony is from the theatres of war, the need for economic sacrifices of supplies may not be obvious, although the fundamental reasons which have dictated limits of personal consumption in the United Kingdom are nevertheless operative in Hongkong.

Entrepot Trade Problem

The existence of Hongkong's entrepot trade presents a difficult problem, but measures are being discussed to reduce importation and consumption of non-essential goods, particularly by those classes of the community which enjoy a relatively high standard of life.

There can be no doubt that every time an individual refrains from making a purchase of imported goods, or locally produced goods whose production depends to any material extent on imported materials, the war effort is directly benefited. In particular, shipping and productive capacity is saved, and, in many cases, foreign exchange. Even where it may seem that there is plenty of shipping space for inward freight to Hongkong it must be remembered that saving of time in loading at docks is important, and that many manufactured articles imported are made from raw materials which have to be transported by sea.

The various problems confronting the Advisory Committee will be found difficult of solution, and the wholehearted co-operation of the general public is cordially invited. Any suggestions relating to a vigorous and successful prosecution of the war effort should be addressed to W. T. Lewis, Secretary, Economic War Effort Advisory Committee, the University, Hongkong.

Mr Herridge Passes. A familiar figure in Hongkong for many years, Mr Frank Gordon Herridge died at the War Memorial Nursing Home to-day after a short illness. He was 50 years of age.

Born in Bradford, Mr Herridge was a textile expert who came to Hongkong just before the last war to join W. R. Loxley and Co. (China) Ltd, of which company he had been secretary for several years.

Mr Herridge was among the oldest members of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Joining in 1914 he was a member of the cricket and tennis teams and in 1922-3 was captain of the second eleven. He served on the committee for several years and for four years was honorary treasurer.

Mr Herridge leaves a widow and a son and daughter in England. His son was on the London staff of the Mercantile Bank but joined the Army shortly after the war began.

Cost Of Evacuation. The cost of the Evacuation of women and children from Hongkong to Australia will be borne by the Imperial Government, a reporter was informed this afternoon by the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, who was interviewed on the question.

The Colonial Secretary said that the Hongkong Government had during 1940 made cash gifts amounting to £400,000 to the Imperial Government, and it was reliably understood that the money was to be used for anything the Imperial Government chose to do with it. In this instance it was quite probable that the Imperial Government would devote a certain part of this gift towards cost of the evacuation.

The gifts to the Home Government were made up of two seperate cash gifts of £100,000 and a profit of £200,000 on the Exchange Fund. The Imperial Government have made it plain that they will bear the cost of the evacuation covering ships, passages and any sustenance of those evacuees who were unable to provide for themselves.

Any refunds by husbands in Hongkong will be credited to the Imperial Government, who make the net allowance.

Hon. Mr N. L. Smith said that there were no further developments regarding the evacuation.

Friday

June 6

Interest Tax Explained. An explanation as to how the proposed Interest Tax, something new in Hongkong, will work was given by Mr A. G. Clarke, Commissioner of the War Taxation Department, at a Press Conference to-day.

The Interest Tax bill has not yet been before the Legislative Council and this information, obtained from the War Taxation Department, is given solely in an attempt to help the public.

Following are the particulars of the tax.

1.—It is payable by any person (including a partnership, body of persons or corporation) who borrows money (a) on a mortgage, bill of sale, or debenture and (b) for the purpose of his trade, profession or business and who pays interest on the loan.

2.—The tax at the rate say, of 14 per cent. on the interest paid, and is payable to the Commissioner of War Taxation at the same time as the interest is paid.

How To Pay Tax

For example, if you, as a borrower, have to pay a sum of $100 as interest, you must not pay the full amount to your creditor; you should pay him only $86, and you must pay the balance of $14 at once to the Commissioner of War Taxation. If you forget about Interest Tax, and pay the full amount of $100, you will still have to pay the tax of $14 to the Commissioner, but in this case you may recover this sum from your creditor.

3.—Your creditor has no claim against you for not receiving his full interest, but if he asks you must give him an account of the deduction you have made in the form of a certificate which you can obtain from the War Taxation Department on application.

4.—Interest paid to a limited liability company or to any approved bank is not subject to Interest Tax, and therefore any person who borrows only from a limited liability company or an approved bank is not affected by this tax. A list of approved banks will be published and will be obtainable from the War Taxation Department.

Private Loans

5.—Anyone in doubt about this tax should apply for advice to the War Taxation Department.

Mr Clarke explained that the idea was that "we don't want to bother about loans between private people,"—for instance lending without security and as a personal favour. But, if, for instance, a person wanted to buy a lorry and had not the money for it and so borrowed $1,000, that money would not be given without a security. A bill of sale would be given and this would be registered in the Supreme Court. The interest on that bill would be taxed and the borrower must pay that tax to the Department from the interest.

No Undue Inquiry

It was further said that the whole idea was that there would be no need to inquire into loans. It was really to suit the Chinese method of business. The Taxation Department would not need to bother about who was lending the money at all. The whole system was worked out so as to avoid going into our peoples' business.

Referring to the tax not affecting interest paid to a limited liability company or to an approved bank, it was pointed out that the company would be subject to Profits Tax.

With regard to how this proposed tax would affect money lenders, it was pointed out that money lenders would come in under the system of Profits Tax.

Mr Clarke stated that any person wanting further information concerning this Interest Tax could obtain it from the War Department and a staff is being organised to deal with such inquiries.

Miss Lindsell Weds. A wedding of wide interest in Hongkong, Manila, and Baguio took place in the Presbyterian Church of Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Federated Malay States, on May 20, when Miss Helen Lindsell became the bride of Mr Douglas Strachan.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr R. E. Lindsell, former Puisne Judge of Hongkong, and Mrs Lindsell, and went to the Philippines last July when British women and children were being evacuated from the Colony. She went up to Baguio, where she met Mr Strachan, who is mine superintendent for the Big Wedge Mining Company. Miss Lindsell left the Philippines last December to visit her mother in Durban, South Africa. Returning to be married, she stopped to visit friends in Kuala Lumpur, where she was met by Mr Strachan.

The newlyweds arrived in Manila last week on the California Clipper from Singapore and went up to Baguio, where they will make their home at Big Wedge. Mr Strachan, who is from Oakland, California, went to the Islands five years ago and is well known in mining circles there.

Cost Of Living. There was a slight increase in the cost of living for May, the figure being $2.39 as against $2.32 in April and $2.35 in March.

These figures, which were obtained from the Labour officer, Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, are based on the prices of rice, firewood and ground-nut oil.

The increase in the cost of living last month is attributed to the rise in the price of rice, which jumped from $2.72 for 20 catties in April to $2.86 in May. The figure for March was $2.63.

The price of firewood showed a slight drop, the figure being 44 cents for 20 catties compared with 50 cents in April and 80 cents in March, while that of oil remained at 33 cents per catty during the three months.

Anti-T. B. Association. Approval of the action taken by the Director of Medical Services in bringing the first prosecution in the anti-spitting campaign was given at a meeting of the Council of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association to-day.

Suggestions for bringing the campaign to the notice of the public were made, and one by Dr F. I. Tseung that the co-operation of the broadcasting authorities be sought, was adopted.

It was reported by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee that the Association had approximately $24,000 in hand for the proposed sanatorium. The need for further funds was stressed, and the hope that a generous philanthropist would come forward was expressed.

Saturday

June 7

"Tom" Hayward Passes. The death occurred in Rangoon on Friday of A. W. "Tom" Hayward, of Messrs Dodwell and Company, and former Hongkong and Shanghai Interport cricketer. The late Mr Hayward suffered a severe attack of Dysentery three weeks ago, and although he showed signs of recovery at one time, news was received by Messrs Dodwell and Co. that a turn for the worse had occurred, and his condition was considered critical during the days preceding his death. Mr A. C. I. Bowker was sent to Rangoon to relieve him.

Forty-six years of age, Mr Hayward spent many years in the Far East. After serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, in the last war, he came out to Shanghai, where he was prominent in cricket and was also associated with the Machine Gun Company, Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps. He came to Hongkong in 1926, and joined Messrs Alex Ross & Co.; later joining the staff of Messrs Dodwell & Co., as manager of their Motor Department. The opening of the Burma Road saw Mr Hayward transferred to Rangoon in 1938 where he also managed the Motor Department of Dodwell's.

A splendid cricketer, Tom Hayward played regularly for the Shanghai Cricket Club and later for the Hongkong Cricket Club. He made his Interport cricket debut in 1922 when he played for Shanghai at Hongkong. He commenced his Hongkong Interport career in 1920 against Shanghai, and played in the years 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1935 and once against Malaya in 1927.

The late Mr Hayward was a member of the Hongkong Club, the Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong Football Club and Hongkong Jockey Club. He leaves a widow and two sons, all of whom are at present in England.

Lawn Bowls. A full programme of Lawn Bowls League games played today provided several surprises and also resulted in records being broken. Kowloon Bowling Green Club are now leaders of the Third Division by virtue of a win over Hongkong Electric.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered their first win by accounting for Recreio "B", and in another game, Recreio spoiled the 100 per cent. winning record of Kowloon Football Club. Hongkong Cricket Club recorded their first victory when they beat Taikoo in a Third Division game, and Recreio completed a well-deserved "double" against Kowloon F.C.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by Kowloon Bowling Green's Third Division rink comprising J. S. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis and each will receive a bottle of John Haig whiskey from Messrs Gande Price & Co., Ltd. This rink also set a new aggregate record of 40 shots.

A seven was registered by A. J. Coelho's rink and sixes were recorded by C. Strange, A. Brookabank, J. C. Aitken. J. Shepherd equalled two records by scoring 33 shots and winning by 21 shots. C. C. Pereira set a new record of nine successive winning tallies, equalled the record of 17 shots as the result of successive ends, and established a new record of scoring on 16 ends. R. F. Luz had a total of 16 winning tallies to set a new record for the Division.

J. Macdonald broke the Third Division record of winning tallies at consecutive ends with 12, and his total of 17 winning ends equalled the record.

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And talking about death penalties, Hongkong would be a happier place if a few of our racketeers could be shot right now.

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The Puisne Judge condemns the system of trading by signing chits for purchases. There is, of course, a law against getting booze that way; but, when you trade with a department store on a monthly basis, what is a chit?

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A correspondent sneers at the "save shipping space" plea, because 49 "non-essential" race ponies have arrived. He doesn't seem to realise how essential a bit of horse can be. How could you make a Hereford earn his keep here?

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In order to conserve womanpower for nursing, the Australian Government will not allow Australian women to leave the country. Down there, of course, their standard of living is so high that it requires two nurses for every man.

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Two pillars of Government House have collapsed. There is no truth in the report that two Australian guests have been visiting.

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A correspondent thinks that a child born in tax payment year should be allowed for that year. But why not allow for it the year before?

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Water-works coolie fined $5 for spitting—and a correspondent thinks it's too severe. Well, it's only about the cost of two pocket handkerchiefs.

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It seems that houses mustn't be provided with decent sanitary conveniences because all the cement and labour might be needed for defence. Just as all the bull might be needed for excuses.

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Servicemen are visiting the Police Court to get some education about the procedure. But wouldn't it be more helpful to make them unofficial Justices of the Peace? Then they could go visiting everywhere.

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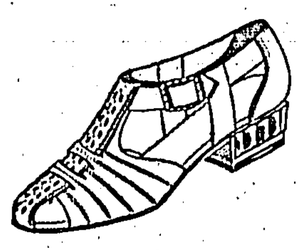

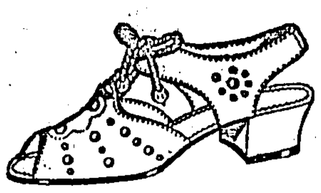

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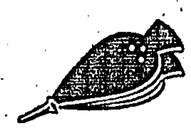

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DEATH

BULLOCK.—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Tomlin, at the War Memorial Hospital on June 8, 1941. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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ENTRY INTO SYRIA

Impelled by motives whose urgency no one can question, Britain has acted with Free French troops against French-mandated Syria, revealing another extraordinary turn of events in a war which began with Britain and France close Allies.

America who would like to see us taking the initiative, and Turkey who would like to see next her southern border any other Power but the Axis, will no doubt welcome the British action. The reactions of the heterogeneous population of Syria and the Levant are awaited with some anxiety on our part; their reception of General Catroux' proclamation will decide whether the Allies will have an easy tenure of the country—with garrison forces against possible parachutist attack—or whether they will have to combat the Arabs as well as the French.

However, the latter contingency seems improbable and the Allies may also expect that the French who have stayed with General Dentz will not have their hearts in a fight against countrymen whom they must know are enrolled in a worthier cause.

The attack on Syria is not likely to lead to a general conflict between the British and French nations. Admiral Darlan has repeatedly asserted that French possessions, including Syria, will be protected against Britain or any other Power but he has never gone further. It would avail France nothing to declare against Britain and forfeit for ever the goodwill of America to save a territory that she should have given up two years ago and which she could now only pass on to her mortal enemy, the Germans.

A pamphlet raid over Unoccupied France would serve to put the issues squarely before the French people who could never tolerate the abject and dishonourable dealings of the Vichy Government if they were fully informed of events; certainly they would never bear arms against Britain. For that matter, it is certain that Hitler would not sleep nights knowing that French armies were on the continent.

It is important for Britain, while prosecuting her aim in Syria with absolute firmness, to avoid untoward friction with the French people—as it is equally important to them that they should not cut themselves irrevocably from us. France and Britain will always be neighbours; once again, it is to be hoped, they will be friends.

As for the Arab people on whom the war is now thrust, they are promised the independence for which they have always yearned. The events of Iraq will serve as a useful object lesson to them. A usurper attempted a coup for the Axis, broke the treaties with Britain and was displaced and the former Regent re-installed with the minimum of violence by British troops who were, as subsequent events proved, interpreting the wishes of all peoples and officials except Raschid Ali's immediate following. The prompt and successful British action—especially the re-installation of the Regent—may have impressed the Moslem world favourably.

It is another strange chance of destiny in a war that has brought subjugation to so many countries that here, in the Middle East, a new and independent kingdom can be created by British hands.

Bombs and Bombees

By Phillida Hughes

Phillida Hughes is the wife of the "Sunday Express'" famous humorist, Nathaniel Gubbins, whose weekly column "Sitting on the Fence" is a national asset. Miss Hughes' sense of humour is equal to her husband's and, like his, probably developed while she was working in a newspaper office as a serious-minded reporter.

In those days she wrote about fashions and other topics which the Editor considered were suitable for his women readers. To relieve her feelings Miss Hughes occasionally added pungent comments in pencil on the margin of her copy—comments which the sub-editors joyfully read and reluctantly blue-pencilled.

When she finally turned her back on Fleet Street, she began writing such amusing sketches as the series: "A Lady of No Leisure." But whereas Nat Gubbins likes to work in peace and quiet, Miss Hughes can turn out a witty article in the midst of a heated family argument.

FOR FIVE MONTHS MY HOME has become a green pasture for those friends and neighbours who have been bombed out of theirs. And I am beginning to think that Bombees are much worse than bombs.

I dislike other people's luggage—their sponge bags in the bathroom, and most of all their dogs, kept on leads in the drawing room, hating us and trying to get sly nips at our legs in the black-out. And I hate other people's combings in my hair brush.

I am tired of people who are always cold, the rubbing of shins, the banging of arms. Air raids have an immediate effect on the circulation. I hate their more intimate belongings in my bedroom, mules with fluffy ostrich feather trimming, and the prolonged and exhausting goodnights and "Oh it's so kind" and "Are we putting you to any trouble?" And I hate their "Oh! *more*" and "Well just a teeny weeny potato, then."

I hate the way they sit on the edge of the chair and won't presume to lie back comfortably. (Lounge, fool, lounge! You're tired. You've had a ceiling come down on your head, we understand.) I hate their constant "Is there anything I can do to help you?" (Yes. There's clean linen to be got out for your beds. The maid's stony expression to be softened. The rationed goods to be fetched from the grocer's. The butcher cajoled. Three hearty meals to be cooked for you each day, and the vegetables brought in from the gardens. When are you going to begin, pets?)

Most of all I hate them for being pathetic and making me so damn sorry for them.

Violet, the maid of all work, starts to shiver, and announces a cold. Violet is always too hot in summer, too cold in winter. Sweating and mopping all August. Shivering and flogging her arms all December. And her feet, which are just a pair of barometers, trouble her all the year round. Why do female feet behave in this curious way? Even gardeners, who grumble at everything, rarely mention their feet, and who ever heard of a postman collapsing in the hall and crying "Well, I never thought I'd be able to deliver your bills and circulars this morning. Me poor feet!"

But even one extra guest can cripple Violet for a week. "We're in for a wet spell," says Violet. "I know by me feet." Or "We're going to have a heat wave, you mark my words: me feet have begun to swell."

Pity Violet can't offer services of her feet to the Government for weather reports. Cultured English voice on radio: "A depression is moving eastwards and, according to Violet's feet, which have now begun to swell. . . ."

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THE EVENING BLITZ STARTS, the sirens wail, and we practically hurl our refugees on their tummies when a noise like the inrushing tide sweeps overhead and recedes. At the first "Look out!" every hand goes out for her own belongings—dear Papa's silver spoons are clutched to a breast; a clock (it was a presentation to dear Papa) is snatched from the mantelpiece, and the dogs get blast-proof cotton wool bonnets tied under their chins.

Then an orgy of tea making. "*So* refreshing!" (Yes, isn't it? Do you care for a little arsenic in yours?)

Then good-nights and hot water bottles, and a blanket off my bed and on to yours. And the thought that it may be us to-night, and to-morrow we'll be round at the Smith's or the Robinson's with our sponge bags and our pets, rubbing our shins, clutching Mother's rosary or baby's first shoe.

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Violet and I are amazed at the curious mental and physical condition which is the result of being bombed out of one's home. Hands that are accustomed to wield mops and dusters can only rub legs, or lift tea cups to lips, or draw chairs nearer to the fire after they have been with us several weeks. Heads that have run houses for years with a fair amount of competence are incapable of answering the phone in mine. (Oh, you answer it! I hate the thing. Never can make myself understood), or of laying a table; ("Where do I put the cruets? What shall I do with these knives?" I could tell you what to do with them, my sweet, but I won't.) A dithering procession from lounge to kitchen each holding one plate or one cup and saucer, which is placed gingerly on the nearest piece of furniture, is known as "clearing away the tea for you". Violet tells me several times a day that all this is going to Break Up My Home. Violet has seen it happen so often and "don't want it to happen" to me.

My pet Bombee, who never moves from the chair nearest the fire, talks like the information gratuitously given in pocket diaries that no one ever reads. She knows all the phases of the moon by heart—"Moon's up to-night at 9.8. That means they'll be over early. Let me see, it'll be half-moon Saturday week, and full moon for Christmas. . . ."

Shall I ever have my home to myself? Shall I ever know divine solitude, leisure and silence again? Night after night I keep my pet Bombee company by the fire, while the others are washing their hair, combing their dogs, polishing dear Papa's spoons. No one has hinted yet at a move.

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Conversation between self and pet Bombee:—

"Was that the siren?"
"No. Your dog wheeling."
"Ooh! They'll be over early to-night, the devils."
"Pa'raps they won't."
"But it's a full moon."
"Let 'em come!"
"I think I'll go upstairs and pay a little visit while it's quiet."
"I should."
"Yes. Will it be alright for me to go upstairs?"
"Quite."
"You know what I mean, don't you? Just to pay a little visit to. . . ."
"I know."

Pause

"Ooh, there's one overhead now."
"I don't hear it."
"Oh don't you? It's going like this" (painful imitation of a droning Dornier.)
"Um. . . . um."
"The Devils!"
"Um. . . . um."
"Can I draw my chair a little nearer to the fire?"
"Of course."
"That was a bomb."
"I thought it was one of our guns."
"No, it was a bomb, and near, too."
"Go on."
"Do you think I could have a glass of water?"
"I should think so."
"Oh, shall I get it then?"
"Do you mind?"
"Where do I get it?"
"From the kitchen."
"Oh, will it be all right then if I go into your kitchen to get it?"
"Quite all right."
"I think I'll just go upstairs again."
"Um. . . . um."
"To pay a little visit, I mean."
"I know."

Later

"Could I put a little piece of coal on your fire?"
"Chuck a log on."
"Oh, will it be all right if I do that?"
"Of course. Quieter now, isn't it?"
"Oh, that's only a lull. I know. The devils."
"Well, I'm all for lulls."
"Ooh, that was near!"
"No. Miles away."
"Devils!"
"Um."
"I think I'll go upstairs. . . ."
"I say, what's matter with your tummy?"
"It's those devils!"

Later

"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Are you all right?"
"Rather!"
"Are you *sure* you're all right?"
"Quite sure."
"Well, good night."
"Good night."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."

Next morning

"How are you?"
"All right."
"Are you sure you're all right?"
"Rather!"
"Dreadful night, wasn't it?"
"Lousy."
"Devils, aren't they?"
"They are."
"Well, I think I'll just go upstairs to pay a little visit. May I?"

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Look out! Here comes another.

Devils, aren't they?

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"The neighbours are accusing us of ruthless aggression, so stop snatching apples from Nick the Greek's fruit stand till this Balkan situation clears up!"

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play AND How to Win

—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Good Distribution Is Not Enough

IT is quite natural and proper to attach great importance to the distribution of one's hand and to give great consideration to how well, or how badly, it fits with partner's bids. Even so, high cards can rarely be ignored; only under the most extraordinary circumstances can the opponents' aces and kings be "put to sleep."

North, in to-day's hand, took entirely too much action on his two kings and a queen.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 9 7 6 4 ♡ — ◇ K J 7 ♣ Q J 10 5 4	
♠ Q ♡ K 8 5 ◇ A Q 10 8 ♣ 7 6	N W E S	♠ A J 5 2 ♡ J 9 7 3 ◇ 9 6 5 ♣ 9
	♠ 10 8 3 ♡ A Q 10 6 4 ◇ — ♣ A K 8 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	2 ◇	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's jump to six clubs is the bid that I wish to bring under scrutiny. Since North's honour-trick holding was comparatively meagre, only one and one-half plus, it is obvious that he must have been greatly impressed by the distribution of his hand. It is difficult to see why he should have been. His club support was, of course, excellent, but surely he had no right to assume that there would be only one loser outside. To credit South with such spade strength that there would be no need of losing a spade trick was outrageously optimistic. And, since South had not cue-bid the opponents' diamond suit, how could North know that there would be no diamond loser? As a matter of fact, North should not have ventured to even five clubs, let alone six; he should have been quite content with the four spade contract.

After East's double of six clubs, West opened the spade queen and, whether declarer covered or not, he was doomed to go down two tricks. To cover would permit a third round spade ruff; to refuse to cover would give the enemy three natural spade tricks. Four spades easily could have been made.

To-morrow's Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ K 6 ♡ J 10 8 ◇ Q 7 6 4 ♣ A K Q 2	
♠ J 9 7 3 ♡ A 9 6 5 ◇ 2 ♣ 7 4 3	N W E S	♠ 10 5 4 2 ♡ 4 3 ◇ J 8 5 3 ♣ 8 6 5
	♠ A Q 8 ♡ K Q 7 ◇ A K 10 9 ♣ J 10 9	

How should this hand be defended against South's six diamond contract?

EUGENICS LAWS FOR JAPANESE

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, June 7 (Domei).—Effective July 1, the Welfare Ministry will publish to-day the enforcement decree and regulations of the Nation Eugenics Law, the whole of which will become operative except Article 6 dealing with compulsory sterilisation.

The National Eugenics Law, as approved by the 76th Diet Session for the increase of the Japanese race and the stamping out of hereditary disease, provides measures to prevent the propagation of those predisposed to malignant hereditary diseases such as hereditary mental disease or weakness of the mind, hereditary diathesis (constitutional predisposition), malformations or other serious disorders, under a system of voluntary sterilisation. All other operations to effect sterility are to be prohibited, while contraceptions and abortions may be effected by medical practitioners only, and then in consultation with another doctor or by authorisation of the authorities concerned.

Enquiry Committee

The decree enforcing the law provides for the establishment of a Eugenics Enquiry Committee in the central Government office and stipulates: (1) to effect sterility, only the operation prescribed by the Welfare Ministry may be employed; (2) the Eugenics Enquiry Committee, to be under the jurisdiction of the prefectural Governor of the Welfare Ministry, shall comprise 20 official and civilian experts from the Central Government office and ten from the District Office; (3) operation expenses for sterilisation as a general rule shall be met by the Government, but in exceptional cases the person himself or his parents, where able to do so, shall be required to bear all or part of the expenses, which are estimated at Yen 45 for men and Yen 95 for women.

Defendant Branded A Liar

Ordered To Pay In Civil Court Action

A claim for $668.50 for medicines sold and delivered was brought by the Yee Sang Hong, of 10 Queen's Road Central, first floor, against the Siu Lee Company, and Tong Yau-chuen, merchants, of 154 Des Voeux Road Central, fourth floor, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. P. E. F. Cressall, in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr M. A. da Silva appeared for Plaintiffs, and Mr D. McCallum for Defendants.

Mr Silva said he understood the defence was that two out of three items being sued for had been paid, and Defendants only admitted liability for $240.

Chan Pak-tsun, manager of Plaintiff firm, dealers in medicines and patent drugs, said that his firm had previously dealt with Defendants. On March 12, second Defendant came to his office and ordered three different kinds of medicines, promising to pay for them at the end of the month. Only two of the items ordered were then in stock and these were sent to Defendants, and a chopped acknowledgment bearing the name of Defendant firm was brought back. The third item ordered was despatched later in the day.

Wife Saw Him Pay

Tong Yau-chuen declared that the transaction was the first he had done with Plaintiffs. Two of the items claimed for were ordered and paid for on March 8. Defendant said that his wife witnessed the paying.

Cross-examined by Mr Silva, Defendant denied that he was trying to defraud. He alleged that Chan often came to his office and solicited business.

Yeung King-man, Tong's wife, said that she knew her husband had ordered certain medicines and saw him pay $428.50 for them.

His Lordship, delivering judgment, said that the case was one in which he had to decide which side to believe. After hearing the evidence, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that Defendant had told lies, not only deliberately, but had also got his wife to commit perjury. His Lordship said that he thought Defendant was a dishonest man, and gave judgment for Plaintiffs on the claim with costs.

FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION

A fatal motor car accident occurred at Hennessy Road, Wanchai, near Kwong Sang Hong, about 9 a.m. to-day when a private car driven by Mr Shun Tsok-shu, engineer of the Nanyang Tobacco Company, living at No. 1 Rutland Quadrant, Kowloon Tong, collided with a cyclist attempting to cross the road.

The victim was Ng Sze-kit, 25, a delivery messenger who was picked up suffering from severe head injuries. He was unconscious. Though rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital he succumbed to his injuries at 9.55 a.m.

Munitions Explosion Wrecks A Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—Radio Moscow this evening reported from Budapest that at least 10,000 persons were killed and two-thirds of the town of Smederevo was demolished when an ammunition dump at the local fortress exploded.

Smederevo is 35 miles east of Belgrade.

Chinese Enter Foochow

KUTIEN, June 8 (Central News).—Chinese troops counter-attacking at Foochow are making rapid progress. As a result of persistent attacks during the past few days, they have virtually completed the encirclement of the city.

Chinese forward units yesterday once broke into the city and engaged the Japanese in close-quarter fighting with hand-grenades and rifles.

Pandemonium now reigns in Foochow as the various puppet organs are feverishly evacuating the city to Mamoi.

The Chinese are continuing their attacks and perfecting preparations for storming the city.

Chaoan Raids

SHIUKWAN, June 8 (Central News).—A successful raid was carried out by Chinese mobile units on the night of June 4 on Japanese outposts at Fungtong, Fowsing, Kuhong, Fungki, Cheungmei in Chaoan where Japanese defence works were damaged and many sections of telephone and telegraph wires destroyed.

The same day, a Japanese unit from Chaoyang raided Hayeung to forage food and was repulsed with losses.

Tram Driver & Conductor Assaulted

Man To Pay Compensation

For assaulting the conductor and the driver of a tramcar in Queen's Road East, near Garden Road, on May 31, Antony Francis Carmo, 21, an employee of the Dairy Farm Company, resident at No. 23 Kwong Ming Street, first floor, Wanchai, was ordered to pay $10 compensation to each Complainant by Mr H. G. Sheldon, at Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. W. A. Macklnlay, with Det.-Sgt V. M. Morrison, prosecuted and Mr H. A. de B. Botelho was for the Defence.

Incident Related

Mr Macklnlay stated that about 1.30 p.m. Defendant, who was a season ticket holder, boarded a tram by the third class entrance as the first class entrance was closed. He walked through the third class, opened the door at the opposite end, and entered the first class where the conductor, Chan Chuen, reprimanded him for entering the tram, which was crowded.

The conductor asked for his ticket and Defendant pulling out his wallet, showed him the ticket inside. The conductor then insisted on Defendant taking the ticket out. Defendant apparently resented all this and after some argument, hit the conductor across the mouth. Hearing the commotion the driver, Sin Wah-hok, came up the stairs (the car having stopped at the Garden Road stop) and Defendant kicked out at him, knocking off the driver's sun glasses, but without causing him any injury.

Defendant's Regret

Mr Botelho said that his client admitted both charges but was very sorry for what had happened. On entering the first class Defendant saw others standing, but finding a vacant seat he took it. The conductor ordered him off and Defendant felt grieved that he should have been singled out by the conductor. An argument arose, both men seemed to lose their tempers and the conductor pushed Defendant, who then struck him. Seeing the driver come up the stairs Defendant kicked out at him more in temper than anything else. His client apologised to the Court for taking its time and to the Complainants for what had happened.

Defendant was on $30 bail and was ordered to pay $20 compensation to the two complainants.

Gambling School On Junk Broken Up

A cunning way of avoiding Police raids by keeping a gaming house on board a boat was frustrated by the Police yesterday and, as a result 22 persons were arrested and charged before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with keeping a gaming house and with gambling.

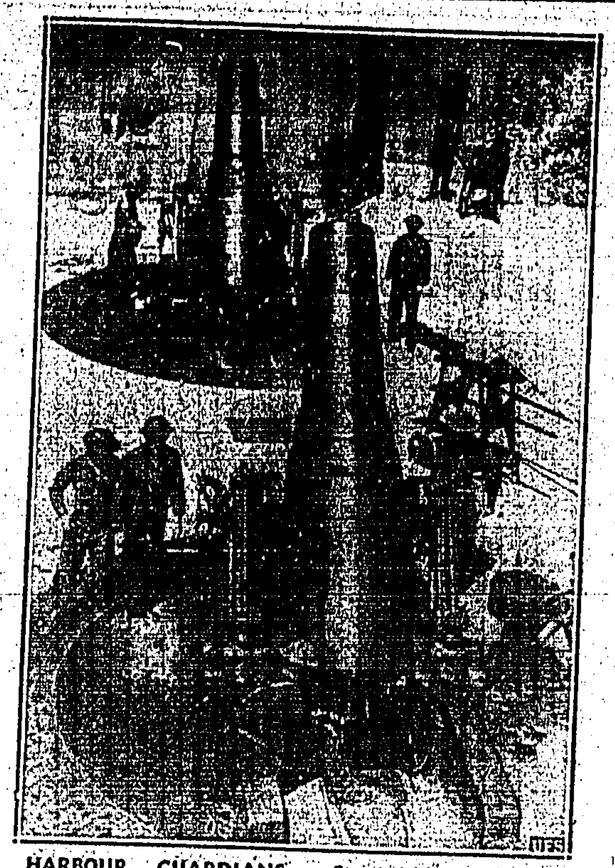
Lai Kau, 48, engineer, of 861 Canton Road, was charged with keeping a boat as a common gaming house, while 21 others were charged with gambling.

Thrown Overboard

Det.-Sergeant W. Summers stated that the raid was carried out by a party of Police about 9 a.m. yesterday. "Fan Tan" and Pai Kau" games were in full swing. As the Police approached, Defendants threw the cards and money overboard. However, the Police succeeded in picking up $2.60 table money.

First Defendant had his bail of $50 estreated when he failed to appear. Three absent gamblers had their bail of $5 each estreated, while 18 others were each fined $4.

Table money picked up was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.



HARBOUR GUARDIANS — Sturdy-looking 12-inch mortars that guard harbour of San Diego, California. Gun crews are preparing them for sub-calibre practice firing at off-shore towed targets, at their emplacements at Fort Rosecrans.

Importance of British Advance Into Syria

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—The British entry into Syria will not only serve to protect the Suez Canal, but will also provide Britain with an ideal base to counter any German attack on Cyprus or Crete, and will provide a solid protective bloc between Hitler and the Near Eastern oil fields.

Politically, it will serve to repair the damage to British prestige in the Middle East, and is particularly likely to stiffen Turkey's anti-German pressure.

It is uncertain what sort of resistance the French army in Syria will put up. Reputably, there are between 40,000 and 50,000 men there of which 15,000 are French with 500 French planes, a large number of which are obsolescent; however, morale is reported to be low and there is considerable sub-surface sentiment for General De Gaulle.

According to some reports, French supplies are low and her air force is in bad condition.

The British must reckon on serious opposition from Germany because the Luftwaffe is in a position to send swarms of bombers and fighters to the Iran bases which are already prepared.

Aside from the reinforcements from England, the R.A.F. has recently received shipments of American bombers and fighters which have materially strengthened their position.

It is understood from authoritative circles that the Germans for some time have been using the Syrian and Lebanon air bases for their attacks on the British fortresses in Iraq and also that air defence Germans have arrived at Aleppo. Many German "tourists" have also entered Syria.

Nazi Troops in Syria

ANKARA, June 8 (UP).—Reliable quarters to-day asserted that there are now between 5,000 and 6,000 German troops in Syria supported by 200 planes, which are said to be sufficient to retard the British-de Gaullist advance until German reinforcements arrive, which will presumably be air borne.

Italian Comment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, June 8 (UP).—Giovanni Ansaldo, leading commentator in Rome and editor of Ciano's Leghorn newspaper "Telegrafo," gave a broadcast to Italian armed forces in which he declared that the Axis would leave the defence of Syria primarily to France.

He added that the Axis was pleased that Britain had invaded Syria as it was bound to hasten a complete Axis victory in the Mediterranean.

"The British are using de Gaullist troops to head the invasion for the purpose of making them first clash with their brothers and from this Britain hopes to avoid breaking off relations with Vichy and to spare her own forces which are needed in Egypt."

Washington Silent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UP).—Officialdom silently watched the development of the Syrian situation—at mid-day the State Department declined to comment—and President Roosevelt sailed on the Potomac in the Presidential yacht.

Unusual interest is manifested in Ankara newspaper reports concerning the alleged presence of German troops in Syria. Experts said that verification of this might have an important bearing regarding the legality of the Anglo-de Gaullist incursion.

At 2.30 p.m. on June 14, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, will inspect the Air Raid Precautions Despatch Corps at the Volunteer Parade Ground.

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is due in Hongkong Shortly.

British Act Just In Time

Darlan's Trickery Nullified

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The move by the British and Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, the French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and the administration of the Aleppo district.

The seriousness of such an action required no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of his conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the Disarmament Commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian Army, and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome.

Using 'Dromes in Transit

General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance. Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, exports and imports falling to a minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipe-line to Syria.

Economic Revival

The declarations contain a promise of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade and an opportunity to enter into relations with the sterling bloc.

There seems a good probability that Syria, disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy, will accept the proffered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country.

Lampson's Assurance

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, has issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country, that they would immediately be enabled to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain.

Wilson In Charge Of Operations

Directing Allied Troops In Syria

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, General Officer Commanding in Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation in which Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French, it is learned in London to-day.

Co-operation Hoped For

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The hope of securing Arab and French co-operation in the task in Syria is expressed in a Middle East communique which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning Allied forces, under the command of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating the German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are seeking dominating positions through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab co-operation in this task."

Petain's Appeal

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a message to Frenchmen in Syria, calls on them to "fight in a just cause and for the integrity of territory entrusted to France by history."

Hold Conference

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan hurriedly conferred as soon as news of the advance into Syria reached Vichy, states Rome Radio.

PROCLAMATION BY WAVELL TO FRENCH

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—General Wavell issued this proclamation to-night to the soldiers of France in Syria:

"Frenchmen, soldiers, comrades of the battles of yesterday and partners in to-morrow's victory—

"We have received an order to penetrate into this territory which you are guarding. It is the only way to preserve this territory at least from German seizure.

"The Boches occupy two-thirds of France and control the rest. They have now begun the conquest of your colonies. Syria and Lebanon are the first stage in this seizure, which is now happening before your eyes.

"We do not come as enemies, but on the contrary, to your help against our common adversary. Instead of resisting us, lend us your aid against your people's mortal enemy."

General Wavell continued: "We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless. I know that you would fight like heroes, but without hope. We have learned in fighting side by side what honour means to French soldiers. It is far from our thoughts to tarnish it."

After recalling the Allied victory over the "Boches" 20 years ago, General Wavell concluded: "We are going to beat them a second time. We would like it to be with your help, side by side with our comrades in the past war and not against you."

Haile Selassie Thanks Indian Troops

SIMLA, June 8 (Reuter).—Haile Selassie has sent a special personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

Haile Selassie says: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian public and press have shown for my people throughout the years of their misfortune and oppression. I am grateful for it. I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country. Their training in mountain warfare enabled them at Keren and afterwards at Amba Alagi to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable.

Outnumbered

"Their courage in the face of superior enemy numbers, armed with the most modern weapons, has excited the admiration of all who know what they have done. I wish to express to all ranks of the Indian divisions which fought in the campaign for the freedom of my country the sincere thanks of my country, myself and my people."

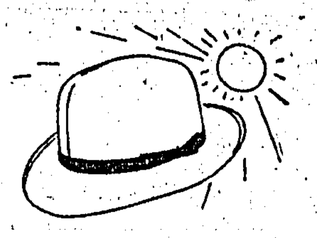
The message was signed on May 30 by the Emperor himself seated at his writing table in the magnificent stone palace built for the Duke of Aosta.

VICHY LEADERS' MOVEMENTS

ZURICH, June 8 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan is returning to Paris to resume conversations with Germany, according to the Genevese newspaper, "La Suisse."

M. Laval reached Unoccupied France on Sunday, Clermond-Ferrand, near Vichy, is reported to be his eventual destination.

General Weygand has left Vichy and the French Colonial Regents in Africa are returning to their posts.



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London Tribute To Hongkong R.N.V.R.

The Hongkong R.N.V.R. has again been mentioned in broadcasts from London. In July, 1939, it was announced in a news bulletin from London that the H.K. Naval Volunteer Force had been granted Empire status in consequence of the Colony's offer to build ships and to place them, also officers and men of the H.K.N.V.R. at the disposal of the Admiralty for general service in emergency.

Last night, listeners to an interesting talk given by Mr H. C. Ferraby, the Naval correspondent, in the series "Questions of the Hour" were told about the many units that make up what is commonly known as "The Navy"—the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Indian Navy, the New Zealand Squadron, the South African Naval Service, the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of the British Commonwealth.

The speaker, in giving pride of place in the Colonies to the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, mentioned the valuable services being rendered to the Empire by these units.

COMMUNISTS FIND PLENTY OF MONEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—The Finance Commissar, Mr A. G. Zverev, to-day announced that there has been an over-subscription in the economic defence loan of nine and one half milliard roubles which was issued on June 3. The excess already amounts to 201,000,000 roubles and the subscriptions are continuing.

The "Pravda," official organ of the Central Committee, commenting editorially, stated that the "tremendous success of the new loan measures the triumph of our Party Government. The latest increase in the growth of our country in might demonstrate the moral and political unity of the people."

*A rouble is worth about 50 cents gold.

U. S. STRIKE UNBROKEN

Men Defy Threat To Take Over Plant

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INGLEWOOD, Calif., June 8 (UP).—The strikers in the North American Aviation Company's plant have defied President Roosevelt. The eight-man negotiating Committee to-day telegraphed to Mr Stephen Early, the President's Secretary, protesting against a threat that the Army may take over the plant, stating, "Bombers cannot be built with bayonets . . . armed forces will not break our strike."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday is:

	Buyers
H.K. & K. Wharves	$86.50
Docks	$14.00
Providents	$6.10
Lands	$31.50
Lights "O"	$5.80
Lights "N"	$1.25
Cements	$13
Ropes	$6.90
Watsons	$9.60
Entertainments	$6.25
	Sellers
Electrics Rts	$11.25
	Sales
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934)	94.50
Realties	$3
Trams	$16.20
Electrics "O" X. Rts	$22
Electrics Rts	$11
Telephones "O"	$22
Telephones "N"	$8.75

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Sports Possibilities Of Roller Skating

Hockey On Wheels Can Provide Thrills And Fun

Popularity Assured

(By "Tinker")

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, following a visit to the Shumshuipo Barracks to watch a Middlesex Boxing Tournament, I wrote on the initiative that Middlesex sportsmen had shown in the making of their roller-skating rink. It was the only one in Hongkong, and it was then advocated that as a civilian enterprise it would also prove popular.

At the time, it was doubtless dismissed as just another article. But take a look around the Colony to-day and count the number of skating rinks that are. And another is being laid out!

The Ritz, at North Point, was the first to lay out a rink, but it was soon followed by others—two of them—on the mainland, and though I haven't been inside yet, I heard the sound of roller-skates on one of the upper floors of one of the hotels in the central district a little while ago. Happy Valley is the site for the newest rink.

Graceful Art

SKATING improves one's sense of balance, and there is a lot of pleasure to be had out of simply circling round and round the rink as most people do at present. It is an omission, however, not to provide music at the rinks—if only from a gramophone—for the best perfects rhythm on the rink, and skating is a graceful art that demands rhythm.

It has proved itself immensely popular with the younger folk—I noted a "skates hospital in Nathan Road—and hockey on skates is an adaptation that is gathering its supporters."

At the moment, the military sportsmen are practically the only ones to indulge in the game, though a team of civilians have taken part in one of the matches at the Kowloon Rink, but hockey enthusiasts in the Colony might give the matter some thought.

In its similarity to ice hockey it has its appeal. It is fast and can be made very scientific.

But, one must first learn to skate, and skate well, for the manoeuvres require quite some skill.

If anyone has any doubts about the possibilities of hockey on skates, a visit to one of the games between the Regiments would be an eye-opener. They are played in the right spirit, and provide great fun. I mention the right spirit for, as in ice hockey, bumps can be frequent, and sometimes hard, and these must be taken in good humour.

The Boon Of Ice

IT would be a boon to Hongkong if an ice rink were made. It would, of course, have to be enclosed from the rays of the sun. But like Jal-Alai, on which I wrote last week, it would be a costly venture at the outset, though I have no doubt that it would be a very profitable venture all the year round.

Roller skates may not provide the same facility for figure- and trick-skating as on ice, but the fundamental pleasures are similar for it incorporates the same soothing sense of gliding along as though in flight.

Nor have they the same glide as those on ice, nor can one produce the same turn of speed, but they are an excellent substitute.

Golf

Heafner And Shute Lead U.S. Open

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 7 (Reuter).—Clayton Heafner and Densmore Shute lead at the completion of the second round of the United States Open Golf Championship with scores of 144, while Paul Runyan, Johnny Bulla and Jugs McSpaden are lying second with totals of 146.

A cloud-burst followed by a violent electrical storm delayed play for a long time and consequently most second-round scores were 75 or over. Scores of the leading players at the completion of the second round were:

Clayton Heafner	72, 72.=144
Densmore Shute	69, 75.=144
Paul Runyan	74, 72.=146
Johnny Bulla	75, 71.=146
Jugs McSpaden	71, 75.=146
Ray Mangrum	73, 74.=147
Victor Ghezzi	70, 79.=149
Ben Hogan	74, 71.=151

Two Wins For Chinese Soccerites In Australia

Sydney, June 7.

The visiting combined Eastern-Sing Tao Football team from Hongkong played their third match in Australia to-day, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by five goals to three.—*Reuter.*

Another Victory

Sydney, June 8.

The Chinese footballers to-day beat Granville 7-4.—*United Press.*

Whirlaway's Triple Triumph

NEW YORK, June 7 (UP).—Whirlaway to-day became the fifth horse in United States turf history to secure the triple crown, winning the U.S. G$25,000 Belmont Stakes. Whirlaway had previously won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.

Yankee Chance was second and Itabo third.

Tennis

U. S. Pro. Doubles

Hollywood, June 7.

Keith Gledhill and Lester Stoefen, former United States Tennis Doubles champions, to-day won the United States Professional Doubles title when they beat Sid Barnes and A. D. Bell 6-4, 13-11.—*Reuter.*

WEEK-END LEAGUE BOWLS

H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C."A"), A. Hyde-Lay (K.B.G.C."A"), R. Basa (C.C.C), A. M. Omar (C.C.C), K. M. Omar (C.C.C) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C."A") keenly interested in the wood that is just passing the jack.—*Ming Yuen.*

Lawn Bowls League

Recreio "A" Regain Lead In First Division

Kowloon Tong Still Unbeaten

RECREIO "A" regained the lead in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League yesterday when they beat their "B" Club-mates 5-0 at King's Park. Though having played one more game than Craigengower, they have a four points' lead.

Kowloon Tong secured a six points' lead in the Second Division on Saturday when Kowloon Football Club lost to Recreio, and K. Tong maintained their unbeaten record at the expense of the Hongkong F.C. at the Valley.

The second "possible" of the season was recorded by J. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (K.B.G.C. Third Division) in their match against the Hongkong Electric at North Point. The total for this rink victory—40-11—established a new aggregate record.

A. J. Coelho (C.C.C., 3rd Div.) registered a seven against R. A. Edwards (Hongkong C.C.) on Saturday, while sixes were claimed by C. Strange (C.S.C.C., 1st Div), A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C., 2nd Div.), and J. C. Aitken (Police, 3rd Div.).

Two matches were played yesterday. Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" in the First Division, and Craigengower beat Recreio in the "C" Division. Scores were:

At King's Park Recreio A beat Recreio B 5-0.

D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto lost to Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva 15-22.

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres lost to F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz 12-26.

F. A. Machao, C. A. Lopes, Eddie Souza, J. E. Noronha lost to L. F. Xavier, C. M da Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva 13-19

Third Division

At Recreio Craigengower beat Recreio 4-1.

L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich lost to F. X. Delgado, R. K. Pavri, C. W. Lam, N. P. Karanjia 17-27.

F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho beat L. M. Roza, W. J. Curd, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho 23-15.

G. A. Ribeiro, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon lost to E. J. Tock, F. K. Modi, G. Ladd, D. A. Rozario 14-19.

International Soccer

England Beat Wales 3-2

Thrilling Match

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—England beat Wales by three goals to two after the latter had led by two clear goals at the interval, in their International Association Football match to-day before 20,000 spectators.

Woodward and James placed Wales in the lead long before England got going, but later Hagan reduced England's arrears. Bryn Jones, the £14,000 star, had extremely hard luck in not converting a header for Wales just before the interval.

Early in the second-half the Welsh forwards worked their way through the English defence, but Hapgood, the England and Arsenal captain, dropped back to save the final shot with the England goalkeeper outpositioned. Hagan equalised for England soon after this, and just before the end Welsh put paid to Wales' account by converting England's final goal.

Reading Wins London Cup

LONDON, June 7 (Reuter).—Reading won the London Cup Association Football competition to-day when they beat Brentford by the odd goal in five after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sherwood scored after three minutes for Reading, but half an hour later Perry found the back of Reading's net for Brentford. Early in the second half Poland, in Brentford's goal, had the misfortune to punch the ball through into his own net in an attempt to save, and Reading led by the odd goal.

Perry again came to the rescue of Brentford and equalised with a grand shot, but before the end Edelston, released from the International match, scored the deciding goal in Reading's favour.

The Rt Hon. Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, attended the game and had the teams presented to him. He later handed the cup and souvenirs to the winning captain and team.

Scottish Cup Games

London, June 7.

The first round of the Scottish Football Association's Summer Cup competition was played to-day, while a full programme of matches was held in the North and South Regional Leagues. The results were:

Scottish Summer Cup, first round.—Airdrieonians 2 Hamilton 3; Celtic 2 Hibernian 6; Falkirk 2 Rangers 3; Heart of Midlothian 8 Queen's Park 1; Morton 1 Clyde 2; Motherwell 2 Dumbarton 2; Partick 1 St Mirren 3; Third Lanark 5 Albion Rovers 2.

South Regional League.—Leicester City 2 Stoke City 1; Millwall 3 Crystal Palace 2; Tottenham Hotspur 2 Fulham 1; West Ham 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Aldershot 3 Watford 1.

Regional Match.—Mansfield Town 1 Chesterfield 4.

North Regional League.—Manchester City 2 Bury 2; Oldham 3 Bolton Wanderers 1; Preston North End 6 Liverpool 1.

Other Matches.—Brighton 7 Allied Services 1.—*Reuter.*

Swimming

Manila Unable To Send Interport Team

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest.

This was learned yesterday from Mr L. R. Ildefonso, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hongkong send a representative team to Manila later in the season, but it is thought improbable that Hongkong will be able to obtain permission for those swimmers who are members of the Volunteers, to secure leave.

Week-End Water-Polo

Only three Invitation Water-polo Tournament matches were held over the week-end, and all ended as anticipated.

On Saturday two matches were held in the Dockyard pool, when Navy "A" beat 36th Battery R.A. by five goals to one, and 8th Coastal Regiment R.A. beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to two. Rutter (2), Lieut. Carter, Paul and Halfyard scored for Navy "A", while Richards scored for 36th Battery. McNulty (4) and Calthorpe netted for 8th Coastal Regiment for 965th Battery.

In "Y" Pool

Yesterday morning only one match was held in the Y.M.C.A. pool, when Middlesex "A" beat 965th Battery R.A. by five goals to one. Jennings (2), Binden (2) and Ure scored for the winners, and Hall replied for the Gunners. The other match between 36th Battery R.A. and 8th Coastal Regt.R.A. was postponed.

Water-Polo Meeting

A meeting of representatives of the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-polo Tournament will be held at 6.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Y.M.C.A. to draw up further fixtures.

Four Die In Freight Train Disaster

SALINAS, Cal., May 5.—A huge mountain locomotive pulling a 94-car Southern Pacific freight train exploded five miles north of here Saturday, killing four trainmen and hurling jagged smoking steel in all directions.

Twenty boxcars and oil tank cars piled up like toys along the right-of-way.

K. C. C. Cricketers At Lawn Bowls

Members of the successful Kowloon Cricket Club's senior and junior cricket teams gathered at the Club yesterday for a curry tiffin, following which they met in a bowls match which the seconds won after an extra head by all rinks.

A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, D. Hung, J. P. Robinson lost to H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. W. Parsons 10-19.

E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, N. D. Lloyd, E. C. Fincher beat A. E. Perry, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, S. A. Gray 24-12.

R. T. Broadbridge, L. R. Burch, N. A. E. Mackay, T. W. Carr lost to W. C. Hung, R. J. Fenton, R. Leigh, G. E. Taylor 13-22.

Yorkshire Team

The following will represent the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hongkong against the Hongkong Electric on Friday at 9 p.m. at Ming Yuen:

P. H. Parks, A. L. Fisher, A. G. Gratian, M. N. Rakusen (skip).

Lt.-Col H. B. Holt, H. Mundy, L. Sykes, J. G. Meyer (skip).

A. R. Brown, J. H. Bottomley, C. F. Needham, A. Brookabank (skip).

Other members wishing to play are requested to be present, as they are almost certain to get a game.

MILITARY ATTACHE HERE

Colonel G. T. Wards, Military Attache, British Embassy, Tokyo, has arrived in the Colony from Manila. He is en route to Tokyo.

Baseball Season's Grand Opening

Mindanao Nose Out Brewers: Last Inning Thrills

WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, the Governor, tossing the first ball, the Hongkong Baseball Season opened in grand style at the new Kowloon Ball Park on Saturday, U.S.S. Mindanao nosing out the H. B. Brewery 7-6 in a last inning rally that had fans roaring with excitement.

Yesterday, U.S.S. Asheville beat Mohawks 6-4, and Royal Engineers defeated South China 9-5.

There was a record gathering at ball-park on Saturday for the official opening, and the baseball was in keeping with the enthusiasm of the fans.

The following were the official guests of the League.—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, accompanied by his A.D.C. Captain H. S. Batty Smith; His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasett, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain R. E. T. St John; Commodore Richard E. Cassidy, U.S.N., and Captain McGlyn, of U.S.S. Mindinao; Commodore Collinson; Captain R. E. Guest, Secretary of the Area Sports Board; and the American Consul-General, Mr J. H. Bruins.

Mindanao trailed 5-6 at the beginning of the final inning, and when Wilson crossed the plate and tied scores 6-all with two away, the crowd was ready for anything. Then R. Wilson batted a screamer to centre and cashed in the winner.

The Brewers, however, had yet a chance of making the grade, but failed before the brilliant pitching of Powlawski.

Scores inning by inning were:

Mindanao:									
Runs	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	=	7
Hits	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	=	8
Brewery:									
Runs	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	=	6
Hits	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	=	5

Mohawks Subdued

SCORING 1, 1 and 2 in the first three frames, but thereafter remaining blank, the Mohawks went under the U.S.S. Asheville 4-6 in the opener of the baseball session yesterday.

Asheville came through strongly in the second frame with four runs, and clinched the issue with singles in the fifth and sixth cantos.

Scores were:

Mohawks:									
Runs	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	=	4
Hits	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	=	6
Asheville:									
Runs	0	4	0	0	1	1	x	=	6
Hits	0	2	1	0	2	0	x	=	5

Sappers Win Easily

ROYAL ENGINEERS upset calculations in the nightcap yesterday by beating South China 9-5 after a great last stretch rally. Scores deadlocked 2-all at the end of the fourth frame but Sappers chased home three in the fifth and four in the sixth to put the game on ice.

Scores were:

R. Engineers:									
Runs	0	1	0	1	3	4	0	=	9
Hits	0	0	2	4	1	2	0	=	9
S. China:									
Runs	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	=	5
Hits	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	=	6

Major Baseball

Indians Twice Beat Athletics

NEW YORK, June 8 (UP).—Cleveland Indians scored a double victory over Philadelphia Athletics in to-day's Major Baseball programme. In the same section, the American League, Boston Red Sox twice humbled Chicago White Sox.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	4	12	2
Battery: Babich, Ferrick, Hayes.			
Cleveland	7	0	0
Battery: Harder, Eisenstat, Heving, Hemsley.			
Philadelphia	6	9	1
Battery: Marchildon, Harris, Ferrick, Hayes.			
Cleveland	8	10	0
Battery: Milnar, Brown, Hemsley.			
Boston	5	6	3
Battery: Grou, Peacock.			
Chicago	3	9	2
Battery: Lyons, Treah.			
Boston	3	3	0
Battery: Newsom, Pytlak.			
Chicago	0	6	2
Battery: Lee, Tresh.			
New York	9	11	2
Battery: Ruffing, Dickey.			
St Louis	3	7	0
Battery: Auker, Ostermueller, Swift.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	5	10	0
Battery: Lee, McCullough.			
Boston	1	5	3
Battery: Johnson, Sullivan, Berres, Masi.			
Chicago	1	7	2
Battery: French, Erickson, Quinn, Scheffing.			
Boston	13	13	1
Battery: Javery, Masi.			
Pittsburgh	12	13	1
Battery: Bowman, Swift, Lopez.			
Philadelphia	2	9	2
Battery: Hughes, Pearson, Bruner, Livingston.			
Pittsburgh	3	8	3
Battery: Bauers, Sirincevich, Dietz, Klinger, Davis.			
Philadelphia	5	4	1
Battery: Podjgany, Warren.			
St Louis	5	10	0
Battery: Krist, Shoun, Hutchinson, Padgett, Mancuso.			
New York	7	9	0
Battery: Schumacher, Lohrman, Bowman, Hartnett.			
St Louis	7	12	3
Battery: M. Cooper, Shoun, Mancusco.			
New York	12	14	4
Battery: Hubbell, Odea, Danning.			
Cincinnati	3	8	1
Battery: Derringer, Lombardi, West, J. Riddle.			
Brooklyn	2	10	0
Battery: Wyatt, Owen.			

14,169 Rabbits Caught In 147 Nights

Three trappers attached to the firm of Messrs Gough, of South Cerney, Cirencester, Glos, claim that in 147 nights between August 19 and December 21 they caught 14,169 rabbits. Thousands more have been caught since that date.

H. N. Gough caught 215 rabbits in one night with 100 traps, and on another night S. E. Evans caught 205 with a similar number of traps. In 20 days 7,585 rabbits were caught, and 5,332 in 18 days. The rabbits were trapped on farms in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Mr Isaac Gough, head of the firm, contends that the method employed by his men—trapping above the ground—is by far the best.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

CORVETTE DEFIES RAIDER

Here is a David and Goliath story from the sea—a story which overwhelmed the First Lord of the Admiralty and which will thrill you.

It's a story of a small corvette, rolling along the ocean. Muffled men on the bridge saw a German raider against the horizon.

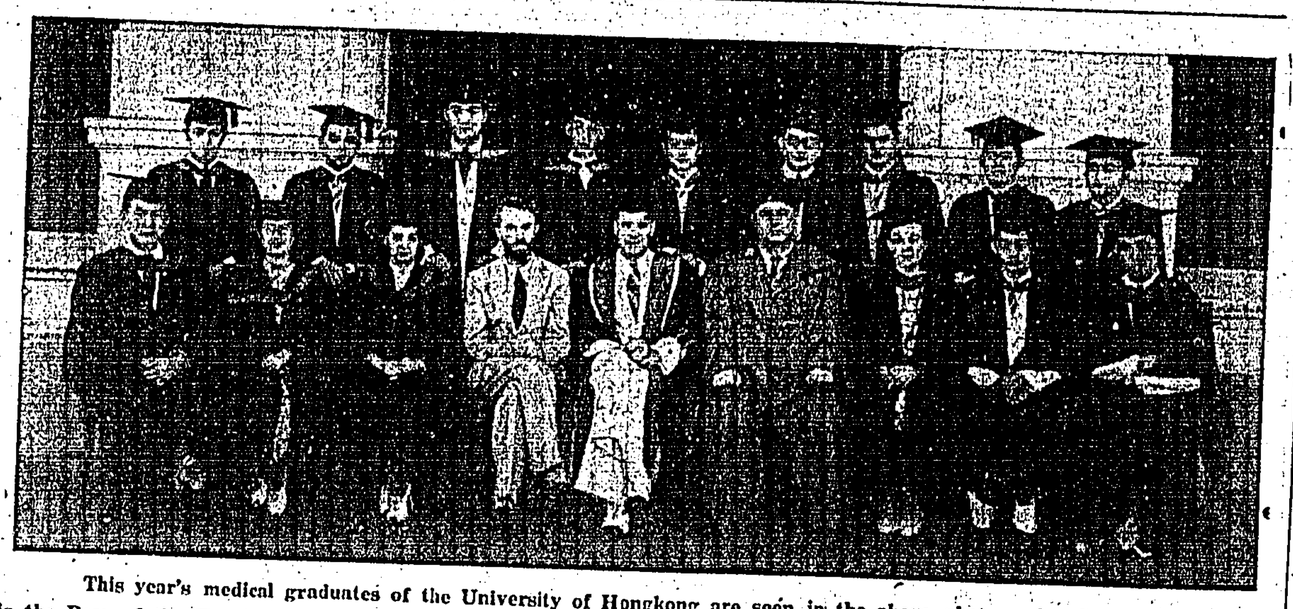
In the Admiralty, hundreds of miles away, this short brave sign reached them from the corvette:—"ENEMY RAIDER. AM ENGAGING."

That's all.

In his room Mr A. V. Alexander picked up the brief signal—one of the many he sees every day. He described his reactions:

"Anyone who knows what naval ships are, and what is the size of a corvette compared with an enemy raider, will realise the courage of that signal," he said.

"It just overwhelmed me. It brought tears to my eyes. It also made me feel very thankful that there was a big sister close by."



This year's medical graduates of the University of Hongkong are seen in the above photograph. Seated in centre is the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Gordon King, and beside him are (left) Prof. P. B. Wilkinson and (right) Prof. R. C. Robertson. (Photo A. Fong).

Germany's Blockade Worries

Transport Is The Real Difficulty

Our blockade of Germany and the R.A.F. bombings, it is learned in London, are seriously hampering the Nazis' war potentials. Problems of distribution and transport are giving the enemy more worry than actual shortage.

In most cases where one would look for shortage as a result of the blockade, the Germans are still living on stocks, which they already had or have looted.

Labour is also providing difficulties, in spite of the large numbers of foreign workers imported.

The German technical Press shows anxiety regarding ferro alloys, and announcements of synthetic rubber substitutes are made periodically.

Nickel coins have been called in in Italy and occupied countries.

Wooden Shoes

Shortage of textiles is affecting chiefly the German civilian consumer.

The French have been robbed of their textile stocks, and are now being forced to collaborate in the establishment of synthetic textile industries.

Hunger for leather is indicated by the fact that wooden shoes are officially encouraged in Germany.

Tin and packing material substitutes have been introduced, but German housewives are warned against keeping food too long in the substitute packing.

There is a serious shortage of fats.

POLES READY TO MEET NAZIS IN MIDDLE EAST

After many months of hard military training in Palestine and Egypt, a Polish group, equipped with the latest British weapons and ammunition, is set and anxious to meet the Nazis on the battlefield again.

"We are grimly determined to fight to the last man until victory is won and freedom restored," declared General Kopanski, commander-in-Chief of the Polish troops in Egypt.

The Polish brigade, formed in April 1940, is largely composed of officers and men who fought their way from German prison camps plodding through deep snow across the Taurus mountains. Recruits are still pouring in from many parts of the world.

Many Polish pilots are also reported in the Near East. Poles helped to prepare defences in the Western Desert and are now establishing lines of communication and building tank traps, wire entanglements and other defences.

R.A.F. COURAGE RECOGNISED

Eagles' feathers, sent to England by the Indian Council Fire, an Indian society of Chicago, for presentation to members of the R.A.F., have been awarded to a small group of pilots who have specially distinguished themselves in air fighting against the enemy. In Indian symbolism an eagle's feather is a token of courage.

Melbourne Man's Miraculous Escape from Greek Front

In a clumsy oaken craft of 50 tons, with sails and an auxiliary engine, Major Eugene Gorman, the Melbourne barrister and Comforts Fund Commissioner, escaped from Greece during the evacuation after a series of extraordinary adventures.

Carrying six Australian soldiers and 56 Greek refugees the little trading vessel, called a kayak, sailed safely into an island harbour behind eight warships of the Mediterranean Fleet on the morning of April 28, writes John Hetterington, the "Sydney Sun" War correspondent in the Middle East.

Gorman rounded off the trip by borrowing a truck on the island and distributing cocoa, tinned fruit, 3,500 tins of tobacco and other comforts to thousands of A.I.F. evacuees on the island.

He was able to do this because he had brought away in the kayak practically all the Comforts' Fund stores in Greece—about 1½ tons—including £100 worth of cutlery that had been purchased for the Australian Soldiers' Club which was to have opened in Athens.

Gorman hired the kayak in expectation that Greece would be evacuated a few days before Britain began to withdraw her forces.

He loaded his personal belongings and stores into her during April 22 and boarded her late the same night with five non-commissioned officers employed on canteen and Comforts' Fund duties.

Cabaret Dangers

The Australians found a number of refugees already on board—Greek soldiers, four women cabaret performers and a barman from a leading hotel, all desperately eager to leave Greece.

The kayak reached the island of Siphnos early next morning and put into a small cove well away from the main harbour, the passengers going ashore in two dinghies and hiding in caves while enemy aircraft scouted overhead.

They had not been ashore long when an enemy plane flew over and sank a 5,000-ton refugee ship in the main harbour.

Passengers who escaped ashore from the bombed ship, including a company of Greek machine-gunners asked Gorman to take them in the kayak and he agreed to take 12 because the kayak would not hold any more.

Boat Fired On

Gorman put some aboard and was waiting on shore for a dinghy to pick him up when Greek machine-gunners fired across the boat and ordered it to pull towards them. Twelve to 13 got into it and compelled the rowers to pull to the kayak, leaving Gorman still on shore.

As the Greeks reached the vessel the non-commissioned officers aboard, with a rifle, a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, forced the Greeks to surrender their arms and turned them towards the shore.

A second dinghy began to take off Gorman, and it also was fired on, and again the gunners climbed into it, but by a ruse he eluded them and reached the kayak in darkness, only to discover that she could not put to sea because of a broken air-compressor.

This meant another day ashore in caves while the compressor was repaired, but finally she got away and made the Island of Melos, where a column of smoke revealed another bombed refugee ship.

Enemy aircraft had sunk seven ships there in 11 days, and a 6,000-tonner that came in soon after the kayak's arrival was bombed and sunk within a few hours.

A Miracle

Four or five survivors from the bombed ship were added to the kayak's already over-large company, and when she was again preparing to sail that night adverse winds developed and the captain decided it was dangerous to put to sea.

Thus the passengers returned ashore for another day's wait.

"There was only one good thing about it," said Gorman. "A Greek soldier caught four mountain goats and cooked them. We were ravenous for fresh meat and tore the carcases to bits and ate them like tigers."

The kayak sailed at dark, but soon ran into heavy seas. The captain was in despair, and said the kayak could not make headway—his only course was to head westward to the Island of Cytheren.

"It looked like the end of the chapter until a miracle happened," said Gorman. "The wind changed to a favourable quarter, and the kayak, using her sails and engine, ran before the wind all night, making about eight or nine knots, and reaching the island for which she had set out."

19 Men, One Woman To Plan New Britain

Nineteen men and one woman were named by Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings, as members of a consultative panel who will help him to plan the New Britain.

Lord Reith stated that he expected to receive shortly a report from the committee set up under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Uthwatt on the best methods of stopping speculation in site values in bombed areas.

The new panel will give expert advice to this committee which is now working out details for the machinery of replanning.

The panel includes ten architects and town planning experts, headed by Professor L. Patrick Abercrombie (just appointed town planning adviser to the L.C.C.) and Mr W. H. Ansell, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Sir Walter Citrine, Lord Balfour of Burleigh; Dr L. Dudley Stamp, director of the Land Utilisation Survey; Sir Montague Barlow, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of the Industrial Population, and four other members of the same Commission; together with representatives of local authorities such as Gloucestershire and Lancashire, Leeds and Liverpool.

The Woman Member

The woman member is Mrs Lionel Hichens, a member of the Royal Commission on Distribution of Industrial Population.

Lord Reith said he envisaged a central planning authority empowered to take bold, comprehensive decisions on utilisation of land, location of population in relation to industry, creation of national parks, trunk roads, etc.

The central authority would lay down the broad outlines of its plans, and hand them over to regional authorities.

Below the regions there would be provision for the collaboration of the "smallest efficient planning units," whose ground knowledge would enable them to fill in the detail.

Test surveys for the reconstruction of Birmingham, Coventry and Bristol have already proved, in Lord Reith's view, that pre-war administrative boundaries will have to be disregarded. Present town and country planning laws will have to go back into the melting pot.

SANG IN BOMBED HOSTEL

--Brave Nurses.

When a shower of fire bombs fell on their South London hostel during a recent raid nurses climbed on to the roof and sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning" as they fought the flames.

As soon as the incendiaries had been put out the girls went off on their cycles as the raid continued to tend the sick and injured patients.

These "Florence Nightingales on cycles"—the District Nurses—have just been commended for their heroic work by Queen Mary.

"It is really wonderful how you are carrying on," she wrote in a letter to Miss Mercy Wilmshurst, general superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Amid Debris

"During the Plymouth raids our nurses went out looking for their sick patients. They searched wreckage, and sometimes managed to get people out alive." Miss Wilmshurst told the press.

"They lit fires with debris wood, to sterilise their instruments, and they continued their rounds sometimes working without gas, light, or water.

"But to all our women, raid risks are just part of their job now. No bomb would stop them from visiting their patients."

Swedish Overseas Trade Kept Up Despite Heavy Handicaps

NEW YORK.—Although Britain now permits five Swedish ships a month to pass through the blockade, numerous difficulties still stand in the way of Swedish overseas trade.

Latest estimates of Swedish shipping losses announced by Swedish sources here, show a total of 85 vessels aggregating more than 200,000 tons have been sunk. About 500 officers and men have been fatalities.

In addition, while no general permit is needed, each shipment must be covered with special naval certificate or "navicert," thus involving sometimes as many as 500 separate licenses for a single cargo ship. This entails an enormous amount of preliminary negotiations before a ship can sail.

Under the British blockade agreement, which says that one of the five ships going to Sweden must come from a British port, it is stipulated that a corresponding number of ships of equal tonnage be allowed to leave westward so that the Swedish tonnage inside the blockade remains at the same level.

Shipments Get Through

Nevertheless, shipments are getting through to Sweden from the United States. On March 16 the 4,000-ton motor freighter Vasaholm of the Swedish-American-Mexico Line entered Gothenburg, Sweden, with a mixed cargo direct from New York.

On March 4 the 7,800-ton steamer Tynningoe owned by the Rex Company of Stockholm, arrived from the United States with foodstuffs. It also carried delayed Christmas presents and food gifts to private individuals, such as dried fruits and soap.

On February 26 the Swedish motorship Gilmaran loaded with 6,000 tons of important freight, chiefly cotton and tin plate, arrived direct from Galveston.

Exports to the United States were reopened with the arrival in New York on April 3 of the Swedish freighter Stegeholm from Gothenburg.

Since March 4, however, it is known that at least four Swedish freighters have been sunk.

Divorce For Officer Once In Colony

A decree nisi was granted by the President, Lord Merriman, in the Divorce Court recently to Colonel Thomas John Robert Langmaid, of Hailsham, Sussex, on the ground of the adultery of Mrs Helen Rose Langmaid with the co-respondent Colonel Hugh Alexander Urquhart. The suit was not defended.

The husband's case was that when he returned to his wife in 1931, after several years in India and Hongkong, she admitted she was interested in Colonel Urquhart, and later she and the co-respondent occupied a flat together in Pembridge Gardens, W.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

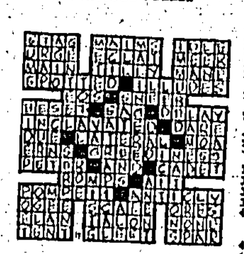
ACROSS

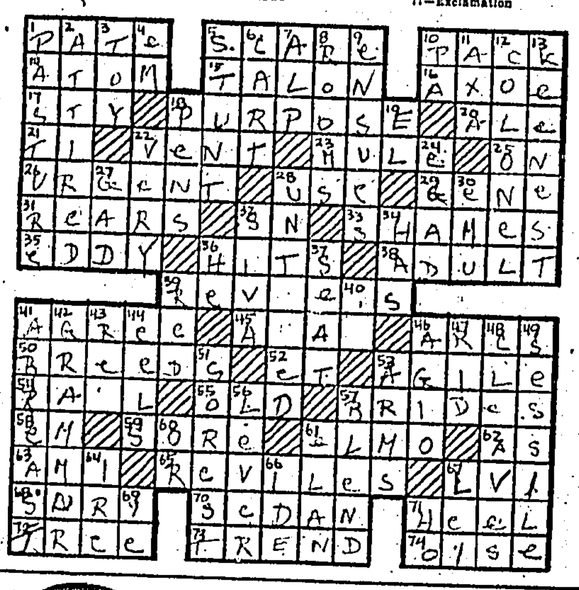
1—Top of head
5—Frightening experience
10—Prepare luggage for traveling
14—Tiniest portion of matter
15—Kaiie's claw
16—Plant of lily family
17—Filthy place
18—Reason
20—Brew containing alcohol
21—Seventh note of scale
22—Breather hole
23—Cross between horse and donkey
25—Preposition
26—Requiring prompt attention
28—Custom
29—Eugene
31—Rises on hind legs
33—According to nature (Latin abbr.)
34—Humiliates
35—Diversion
36—Strikes
38—Crown person
39—Critics' articles
41—Am in accord
43—Biblical name
46—Parts of circles
50—Raises from birth
52—And (French)
53—Lively
54—Section of track
55—Of ancient lineage
57—Women about to be married
58—Printers measure
59—Inflamed spot
61—Patron saint of sailors
62—In same manner
63—Friend (French)
65—Villifies
67—Fifty-six
68—Variety of carnelian
70—Closed automobile
71—Hear of sole
72—Woody plant
73—Tendency
74—French river

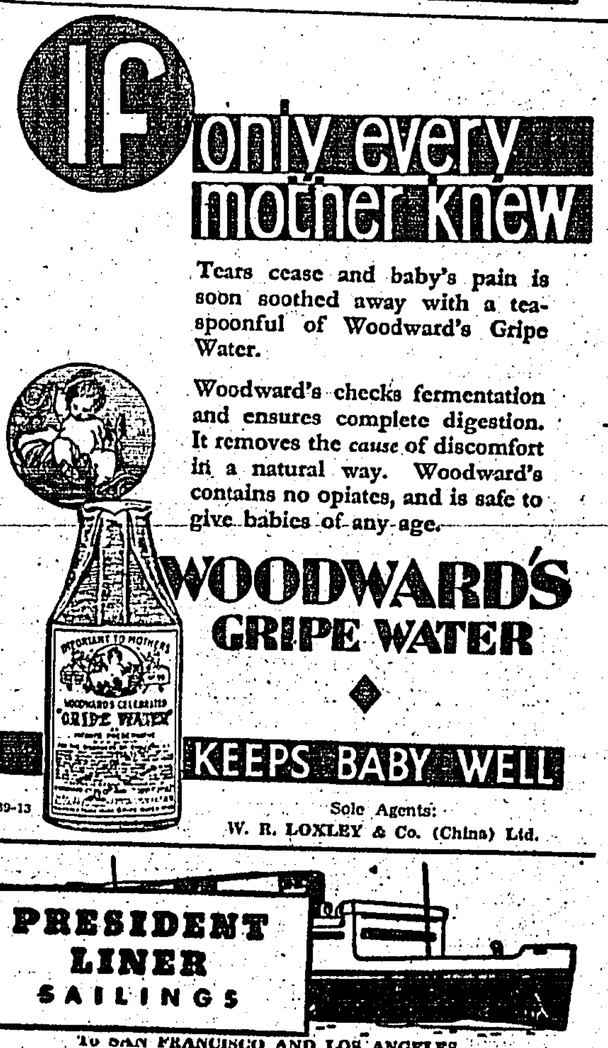
DOWN

1—Meadow for cattle feeding
2—Dressed
3—Plaything
4—Two ons
5—Tricky performance
6—Wheeled vehicle
7—High peak
8—House divisions
9—Follows
10—Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
11—Armpit
12—Army officer
13—Most sharp
18—Writing instruments
19—Elevated (Col.)
23—Fairemaip
24—English oath, expressing surprise
27—English oath, expressing surprise
28—With no record kept of duration
30—Ostrich-like bird
32—One of worshipped Hindu trinity
34—Owns
36—That boy
37—Capital
39—Scarlet
40—Military department of U. S. government (abbr.)
41—Side by side
42—Science of correct language
43—Portugese money of account
44—Lamprays
46—Discount on foreign bills of exchange
47—Free, as from annoyance
48—Divides forcibly
49—Attached by base, as leaf
51—Most painful
53—Lethal weapons
56—Bar used to obtain mechanical advantage
57—Mixture
60—Conjunction
61—Ardor (French)
64—Vrath
66—Governor-general of Philippines in 1906
67—Roumanian francs
69—Prefix: out
71—Exclamation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE







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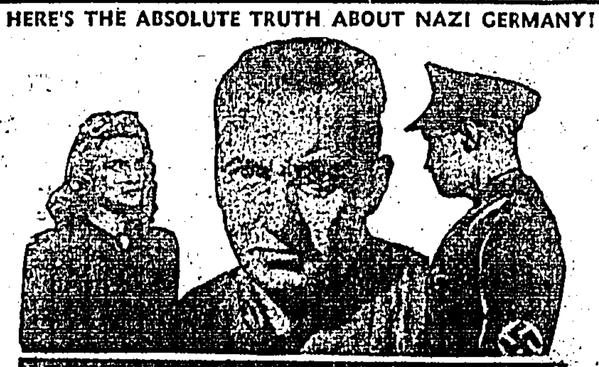

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Three Sided Advance On Syria

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ed the invasion as "unjustified aggression. We will defend the Empire to the full extent of our strength."

Fighting Proceeding

BEIRUT, June 8 (UP).—The British attacked the French frontiers in southern Lebanon, Syria and the fighting is still proceeding. All schools are closed.

Airfield Bombed

VICHY, June 8 (UP).—A French communique from Beirut states that the British attack on Syria started at 3.45 a.m., adding, "contact has been established with the enemy advance posts. British planes bombed the Mezze airfield near Damascus where there was some damage but no victims."

According To Plan

CAIRO, June 8 (UP).—Allied forces under command of General Wilson advanced on Syria at 2 a.m. to-day and the advance is reported to be proceeding according to plan.

Syrians Join Allies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 8 (UP).—From reliable Arab sources it is learned that large numbers of Syrians, especially Jebel Druses, have joined the Allied cause.

Blitz Over Alexandria

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Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

Exodus From Port

("REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH FLEET)

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—The Nazi blitzing of Alexandria now appears to be starting in earnest, with frequent reconnaissance flights from which one aircraft was shot down this afternoon, and large scale bombing, extending even to the suburbs.

Although no official figures are available, enquiries at various hospitals indicate that very many people were killed, while the injured are very numerous.

The city to-day presented a remarkable sight with miles' long caravans of evacuating Egyptian families, who had commandeered every possible vehicle, piling them high with bedding, scanty furniture and ancient horned gramophones, while the less fortunate slowly plodded along the roads leading from the city with bedding and other bundles perched on their heads, carrying children and driving a few miserable goats ahead of them.

Taxis And Trains Full

Whole families of from eight to ten people crowded into taxis which were almost unavailable in town for any other purpose. The railway station throughout the day has been an indescribable spectacle, being crowded with literally thousands of Arabs boarding special and ordinary trains on which it was impossible to make normal reservations.

Owing to the structure of the native houses, which are mostly mud, the bombs cause great havoc, especially as the poorer quarters are extremely congested. Despite this exodus, there are no signs of panic or disorder, only resentment at the German ruthlessness.

Estimated Casualties

CAIRO, June 8 (UP).—It is estimated that between 200 and 300 were killed during the second night-long raid on Alexandria.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SYRIA

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tachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus, according to the Vichy agency.

No Fighter Opposition

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters covering the Allied troops advancing into Syria encountered no opposition.

Beirut Bombed Twice

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. to-day twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

R.A.F. Support

CAIRO, June 8 (Reuter).—Fighter support for Allied troops in Syria is revealed in a special R.A.F. Middle East communique to-night.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn to-day. Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

"R.A.F. fighter aircraft intercepted and shot down a Cant 100 bombers over Alexandria this afternoon and the aircraft crashed near Agame."

Advance From Iraq

LONDON, June 8 (Reuter).—British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report.

De Gaulle With Troops

LONDON, June 8 (UP).—The Exchange Telegraph's Cairo correspondent reports that General de Gaulle is with the Free French troops in Syria. The advance into Syria followed consultations between the British, and Generals de Gaulle and Catroux who are in full agreement.

Turkish Excitement

ANKARA, June 8 (UP).—The British and Free French invasion of Syria aroused nationwide excitement although it had been expected in Government circles for some time. The latter asserted that Turkey will take no active steps regarding it, adding that it constituted the first test of Franco-German co-operation and concurrently afforded the de Gaullists an opportunity to enhance their prestige throughout the French Empire, provided they succeed in advancing.

Stalin To Help Feed Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, June 8 (UP).—A significant and friendly gesture has been made to Finland intended to alleviate the food shortage, it was disclosed to-day.

The Foreign Trade Commissariat issued a communique stating that Finland had failed to fulfill her obligations under the trade agreement which was signed after the conclusion of the war.

Nevertheless, in view of Finland's food difficulties, M. Stalin himself on May 30 promised the immediate delivery of 20,000 tons of grain and food-stuffs in addition to 15,000 tons which have already been delivered. Seven thousand five hundred tons of grain have already been loaded.

N.E.I. ANGERS JAPANESE

Army Press Prints "A" Threat

TOKYO, June 9 (Reuter).—Tokyo officialdom continues to maintain the utmost reserve regarding the Netherlands East Indies crisis. However, it is reported without official confirmation that Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, intends to send fresh instructions to the Japanese delegation within a few days, thus paving the way for further contact between the Japanese and Dutch delegations.

The nature of the new instructions could not be determined. Nevertheless their importance is foreshadowed by reports that Mr Matsuoka intends to draft these after full consultations with the Navy and Overseas Affairs Ministries and other Government departments concerned.

Foolish Dream

Meanwhile the Army organ, "Kokumin" has voiced another warning to the N.E.I., urging the Dutch colony to drop procrastinating tactics and awake from the foolish dream that its interests can be served best by expanding its military defence against Japan.

The paper adds that Japan will be forced to reconsider her relations with N.E.I. in a different light if Batavia persists in maintaining an "insincere and haughty front."

TYPHOON BURST DAM

Japanese Missing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 8 (Domei).—Eighty of 113 peasants living in the tiny village of Oumu, Monbetsugun, Hokkaido, are reported missing since the dam belonging to the Oumu Water Power Company crumbled at 9.20 a.m. yesterday under pressure of water which rose to unprecedented proportions during the typhoon on Friday night.

Volunteer guards patrolled the area and searched for the missing as the flood continued to devastate houses and crops which were ready to be harvested.

Racing "An Asset To The Country"

Racing was defended as a "valuable national asset" by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, speaking at York recently.

Dealing with alleged waste of feeding-stuffs involved in keeping race-horses in training, he said that if fed to hens, the 5,000 to 6,000 tons of oats consumed annually by the horses would produce one-quarter of an egg for each member of the population.

"Dogs in this country," he said, "including pet dogs, are estimated to consume the equivalent of one week's food for the whole human population. Cats drink many million gallons of milk a year, and we need milk more than we need cats."

The Earl of Harewood, a Steward of the Jockey Club, said he had received many letters, mostly abusive, telling him that the food of the country was eaten by racehorses. He thanked Mr Hudson for coming out with a policy in favour of horse-racing continuing.

LATE NEWS

Japan Postpones Her Showdown

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mean a new Pacific war, possibly drawing in the United States.

War Inevitable?

Many persons in Japan and the United States feel that a war between the two countries is inevitable; however, a large influential section of Japan and also American opinion holds that war can, and will be avoided, however difficult the process may be. Among those to share in this view are President Roosevelt, Mr Hull, Secretary of State, Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister and Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador to Washington.

Although the reports that a Japanese-American non-aggression pact was discussed have been denied, it can be stated on best authority that Mr Hull and Ambassador Nomura have been examining ways and means to better their understanding.

One group holds that Admiral Nomura's chief duty in Washington has been to obtain a postponement of the inevitable warfare until such a time is opportune for Japan. Another Japanese group holds that war would destroy both countries and leave the shreds to the Communists, wherefore, Tokyo leaders sent Admiral Nomura to Washington in order to find a way out.

Such a way is hard to find, particularly in view of the strongly established United States policies towards the wars in Europe and China. The United States has no intention of abandoning China or accepting Japanese dominations in the East Indies, the Philippines, Singapore, Australia or New Zealand; therefore a Japanese-Indies crisis would gravely involve the United States.

Britain Seizes Initiative In Syria

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colonial territory, hence it is not included in his pledge to defend the French colonial Empire.

Washing Hands of Situation

The diplomatic commentator of the "Sunday Times" said, "In reality this means that he (General Weygand) is washing his hands of Syria and is taking no responsibility for anything Admiral Darlan may do against his advice."

The "Sunday Pictorial" carried a banner reading "Weygand will not fight for Syria." It carried the Exchange Telegraph's Swiss reports that a French diplomat claimed that General Weygand insisted that Syria be regarded as separate from the French Empire, and that "while he would defend the rest of the French possessions against all comers, he would accept no responsibility for Syria or for the French troops there."

However, none of the Sunday papers speculated on how the French would be able to transport reinforcements to Syria.

Nevertheless, if the Weygand report is true, it is believed to mean that the French troops in Tunis will not join the Axis in an offensive against Egypt in retaliation against the entry of Imperial troops into Syria.

INJECTED GUINEA PIGS STOLEN

From H.K. University

For stealing from the Hongkong University 29 guinea pigs, valued at $100, which had been injected with different serums for laboratory purposes, Au Sing, 20, coolie, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning.

Det.-Sergeant W. Summers stated that Defendant went to the University on Saturday afternoon. Apparently tempted by the fact that no one was guarding the place, Defendant raided it and took away 29 guinea pigs which he sold to a shop in Des Voeux Road.

The pigs had been recovered.

JAPAN HONOURS BRITON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 8 (Domei).—The Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure has been conferred on Professor Edward Harris, former British instructor at the Military Staff College, in recognition of his great services to education in Japan.

Professor Harris served at the Military Academy, the First Higher School, the Peers' School and the Military Staff College during his 30 years residence in Japan.

Spitting Charge Withdrawn

A charge of spitting on the steps leading to the cook-house, Royal Signals, Victoria Barracks, yesterday morning, against Lau Chung, 38, ice delivery coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company, was withdrawn after Defendant had pleaded not guilty before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Portallion stated that Lance-Corp. Wright of the Royal Corps of Signals saw Defendant spitting on the steps and, on instructions from an officer, arrested him. The Inspector added that he did not think the charge came within the Ordinance as the offence was not committed in public place. He asked leave to withdraw the charge.

Mr Sheldon agreed with the Inspector and allowed the charge to be withdrawn, holding that Victoria Barracks was private property.

Defendant seemed flabbergasted when told that there was no case against him, and walked out of court with a broad grin on his face.

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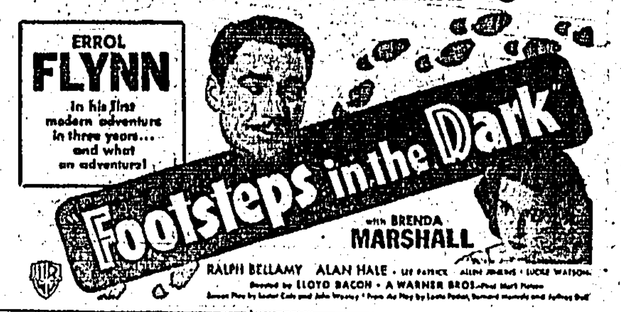

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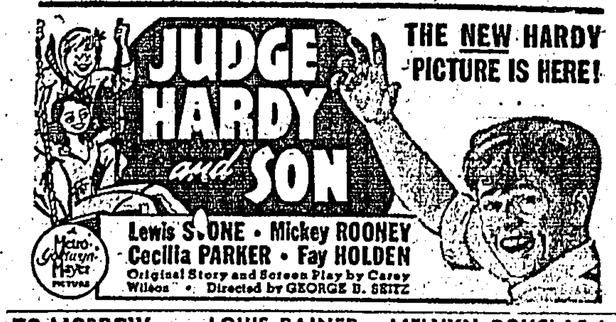

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ENEMY SHIPS BOMBED IN WEST

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bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated pilots on Saturday on their success.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command yesterday carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

Three British bombers and one fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

Attack On Brest

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest was described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked the docks and shipping at Bergen during the night.

No British bombers were lost.

U.S. War With Nazis 'Just Around Corner'

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ment that he had no plans for world domination as "propaganda of the sort levelled out to Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, Holland and many others."

He added that the Nazis had not disguised their hostility for the Americans and all that they stand for.

LANDING NEAR BEIRUT

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precedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."

Long Line of Attack

VICHY, June 8 (Reuter).—British and Free French forces are attacking Syria along a line stretching from Merj Ayoum, near the Lebanese coast, to the southern point of Djebel Druz country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

There is no continuous front but the Allies are attempting to advance in single columns at widely separated points.

The R.A.F. to-day raided Beirut, the chief port in Syria and Lebanon, setting fire to the oil dumps, according to a second communique issued by General Dentz's headquarters at Beirut.

It says: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves brilliantly along the whole line.

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles were destroyed.

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result, but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a small fire.

"Aerodromes of Mezze (near Damascus), Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused."

The Hongkong branch of the Chinese Engineers Society celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the organisation and Engineers' Day on Friday at a meeting held at No. 74, Kennedy Road.

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